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Some of the over 70 people attending the Bi Conference.

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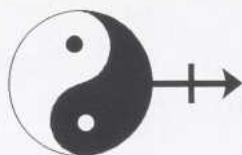
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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE & PRINCIPLES

National BIWAYS is produced by the Australian Bisexual Network to inform its audience about social, political and personal issues relevant to bisexuality and bisexual people, to provide a forum for exchanging opinions and sharing experiences, to link up with and support geographically or socially isolated bisexual people, to foster the Bisexual Movement in Australia and to help build a diverse multicultural community of bisexual and bi-friendly people and groups in Australia and elsewhere.

ABN realises that bisexuality is inextricably linked to other identities (gender, race, class, etc). Our intention is that *National BIWAYS* will represent a broad spectrum of bisexual voices and images. We are committed to taking an active role in building a multicultural bisexual community free of racism, sexism, classism, homophobia and other forms of oppression.

Through self-examination and through the contents of this news magazine, we will endeavour to challenge our own racism, classism, sexism (and our own biphobia) as well as that of others. We will work to create a supportive bisexual community and to promote equality and understanding for bisexual people in both the heterosexual and the lesbian/gay communities. We regard ourselves as part of a larger sexual minority (queer) community, a gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender communities, and consider the fight for lesbian and gay rights to be our own. We advocate the recognition, inclusion and involvement of bisexual people in existing gay and lesbian and transgender communities, in lesbian and gay politics, in community development and consultations, in sexual health and HIV/AIDS issues, policy, research and education. ABN does not support the promotion of pedophilia or organisations that promote it.

We are sex-positive, recognising that we live under increasing sexual oppression. We support sex education for its own sake. We advocate the distribution of information and resources to halt the spread of HIV/AIDS, STDs and unwanted pregnancies. We support the rights of people with HIV/AIDS to be free of discrimination, to have access to information, housing and quality medical care and treatments.

We seek to expand, not constrain, the definitions of bisexual and we respect the right of the individual to define her/his own self-definition, identity and type of relationship(s), free from any social, political, religious or economic coercion. We support healthy relationships between consenting adults. We acknowledge the right of partners, particularly female partners of bisexual men, to quality non-judgemental counselling and health services if needed, to greater understanding by all communities and to honesty in their relationship.

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The Australian Bisexual Network is a full member of the International Lesbian and Gay Association (ILGA) and is host group for ILGA's Bisexual Information Pool, providing information on Bisexuality to individuals and groups worldwide.

A black and white photograph of a large crowd of people at a protest. In the center, a person holds a sign that reads "BASE COMMUNIT 07-385725". To the right, another sign partially shows "RE FOR". The background features several tall buildings, including one with a clock tower.

1997 International Women's Day March in Brisbane where Diana, Kathleen and Jenny march with the Bi Banner giving visibility to the Bi Movement.

ABN will again be participating in events in Brisbane and you are welcome to come and join us. Check out the Bi events calendar to see what's coming up. We have a couple of forums, the march and fair day, a dinner and the opening of Bar Bi, Brisbane's first Bisexual bar. So join us for some fun in June and July.

Please also remember the International Candlelight Vigil which will be occurring in cities around Australia and the world in May. In Sydney it was held on May 4th so I hope some of our Sydney members attended. Here in Brisbane it will be on May 17th and ABN will have a group participating so do come and join us and remember those people who have died of AIDS.

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Brisbane will see the opening in June of it's very own bisexual bar. ABN has made arrangements with the Shamrock Hotel to initially open a bar for bisexual people, our partners and friends once a month with the possibility of it becoming more frequent if you the Bi community support it.

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The 2nd Australian Conference on Bisexuality

by Wayne Roberts and Graham McKay

The Australian Bisexual Network with the support of the Sydney Bisexual Network and the Central Sydney Area Health Service held an extremely successful national bisexual conference in Sydney from February 21 to 23, 1997. It was titled, the 2nd Australian Conference on Bisexuality with the theme, Lifestyles, Sex and Politics. The conference was open to anybody with an interest in all aspects of bisexuality and bisexual people, their lifestyles and culture to present papers, workshops or attend as delegates. The conference was primarily promoted to the bisexual and queer communities but some advertising was placed in the mainstream Media. Where media releases were sent to the mainstream Media there was virtually NO response or coverage. Some coverage appeared in the gay and lesbian press and Brother Sister and Adelaide Gay Times provided sponsorship in the form of free advertising. ABN's Wayne Roberts was interviewed by telephone for Vancouver's Queer Radio program about the conference and associated bi events.

The conference was held during the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras Festival to capitalise on the large number of people that were in Sydney during the Festival and the many cultural events forming part of the Festival. The conference was also to be a statement of bisexual solidarity with the lesbian and gay communities.

The Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras endorsed the Conference as an official Festival event. We thank the SGLMG for their support.

We would also like to thank our official sponsors and supporters:

BrotherSister newspaper (Queensland and Victoria)
Adelaide Gay Times newspaper (South Australia)
Central Sydney Area Health Service
Greg Millan, Convenor, National Gay Men's Health Network
Lava Bar at the Burdekin Hotel in Sydney
Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras Ltd.

Our presenters were:

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| Robyn Ochs (Boston, USA) | Hok Gan (Sydney) |
| David L Jobling (Sydney) | Jacinta Toomey (Brisbane) |
| Shane Hughes (Adelaide) | Jenneth Barry (Melbourne) |
| Leon Poladian (Sydney) | Ron Frey (Brisbane) |
| Megan Peinell (Wellington, NZ) | Mike Phillips (Adelaide) |
| Maria Pallotta-Chiarolli (Melbourne) | Ben Wilson (Brisbane) |
| Mik Scheper (Sydney) | Tracy Schmidt (San Francisco, USA) |
| Wayne Roberts (Brisbane) | Laura Seabrook (Newcastle) |
| Sabina Nowak (Adelaide) | Greg Millan (Sydney) |
| Michael Dobber (Hobart) | Greg from Threshold (Sydney) |
| Marie Porter (Newcastle) | Scott Anderson (Melbourne) |
| Roger Garland (Canberra) | Kate Hickson (Sydney) |
| Jewel Philippi (Brisbane) | Michael Dunn (Lawson) |

Thank-you to our presenters for making this a very successful conference. We also had some wonderful people who chaired sessions and helped out through-out the conference. A special thank-you to Munro, Pieter, Gillian, Michael, Graham, Alan, Greg, Jean and Dave (from Toronto, Canada) for their help and support.

Also a big thank-you to those Sydney people who billeted those from out of town.

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| Relationships. | Non-Monogamy. |
| Bisexuals in Same Sex Partnerships. | Youth Suicide and Sexuality. |
| Bisexuals in Remote Areas. | Bisexuality and Feminism. |
| Bisexuals & HIV/AIDS. | Sexual Assault of Men. |
| Women and Bisexuality: Myths - Str8 man's dream, Lesbian's nightmare. | |
| Bisexuality and the Men's Movement. | |
| Sexual Health Issues for Bisexual & Non-Gay Identified Men. | |
| Ethnic Communities & Sexual Identities. | Bisexuals with Transgender Issues. |
| Bisexuals in the Goth Community. | Bisexuality and the S/M Community. |
| Bisexual Art and Performance. | Combatting Burn-out. |
| Bisexual Youth Forum. | |
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| National Meeting of ABN Members. | |

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Of course with that many liberated people in one place we couldn't avoid but to have a few social activities including the post-conference Diversity Party - Bi Bi Sunday at the Lava Bar, Burdekin Hotel, which was a huge success - especially for the Sydney Bisexual Network who held an auction for some of the costumes that were later used on the Mardi Gras float. Some spirited bidding saw Graham of Sydney get the coveted fish helmet. The auction and raffle raised over \$600 towards the cost of the Mardi Gras Float.

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Some photos from the Conference, Party and the Parade can be seen on our Photo Gallery page linked to the ABN Home Page (<http://www.rainbow.net.au/~ausbinet/>).



Presentation of the Renildo Jose dos Santos Award.

Above Left: Robyn Ochs of the Bisexual Resource Center, Boston, United States of America, receiving her Award for Bisexual Activism from Wayne Roberts, with Greg Milan & Jewel looking on.

Above: Robyn with Award in hand, gives her thank-you speech while Wayne looks on.



Presentation of annual Bi Community Awards.

Above: Jenneth Barry of BAM (Victoria)

Below: David Jobling (NSW previously Sth. Aust.)

Below Right: Gillian Jones of ABN (Queensland)

Right: Drinks & chat followed the Opening of the Conference & Presentation of Awards, here L to R are Mike (Adelaide), Wayne (Tweed), Graham (Sydney), Joan from Aust. Democrats (Sydney), Jonathan (Gosford) and Pieter (Sydney)



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Ben Wilson, The Bard, presenting his session on Bisexuality & the Goth Community



Pieter with his parents after receiving his Award.

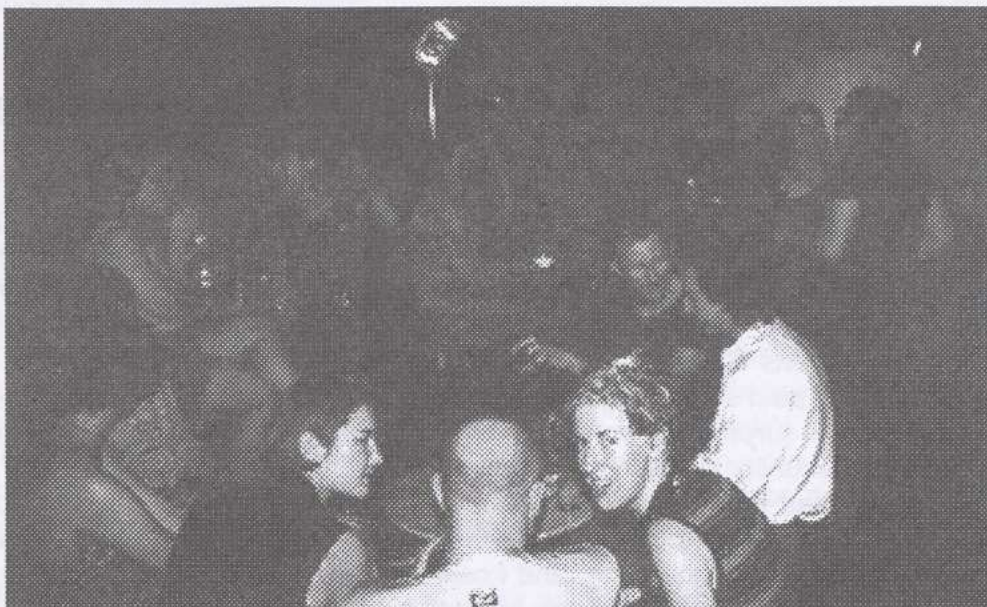


Above: Munro and Gillian at the Diversity Party.

Below Left: Maree and Susan all smiles at the Lava Bar.

Below: A merry bunch of bisexuals dancing it up at the post-Conference Diversity Party at the Lava Bar.





More of the Conference party goes at the Lava Bar for the Diversity Party, Bi Bi Sunday.



Left: Kate giving Sam what seems more than just a hand to put her body paint on as they get ready for the 1997 Gay & Lesbian Mardi Gras Parade.



Right: The crew and sea nymphs of the Sydney Bi Network Float with Megan of SBN and Megan from Wellington (NZ) Bi Women's Group.



The Digital Queers group ready for the Parade start.

Below: The Bi Youth Forum at the 2nd Australian Conference on Bisexuality.



BISEXUALITY IN THE GOTHIC COMMUNITY

by Ben Wilson (ABN Brisbane).

It's dark. A quiet night and you have decided to go out on the town for a night out. You're with a friend and you're just about to head off when you turn a corner and see them. A group of Darkly clad people all looking morose and heading your way. You stop your conversation and quietly let them pass hoping that they don't turn around and jump you for your wallet. In some way, shape or form, you've seen us, walking the streets, either in groups or singly. The rare and elusive Homo Sapiens Gothicus, or Goth for short. Personally I've heard the lot coming from the norms. Driving past screaming out their drunken words from out car windows, Freaks, Weirdo's, Queers?. Yet surprisingly enough, that last remark holds a lot of meaning inside the Gothic community. Sexuality in the Gothic society is not as obvious as the meat markets of most clubs and pubs, as most of us use our clubs for socialising and having some fun to release our tensions. I am here today as a representative from my culture to your own. I bring the gift of knowledge and understanding, and I come giving you information on how Bisexuals, Gays, Lesbians and even Hetero people can operate in a social arena.

Goth means many things to many people. From it's original ideal of the Black punks from it's birthplace in England, to the Swampy Goth with the torn black skirts, and teased out hair, to the High Goth of silks and cravats, to the industrial Goth with the cut fish net sleeves and T-shirts. Whatever your interpretation, this community of friends are just that... Friends. Anyone can come up to another person in the club and instantly be friends, even if this was their first encounter. We are a mixture of Gays, Lesbians, Heterosexuals and Bisexuals all enjoying similar taste in music, clothing, lifestyle, and thinking. Sexuality is something that only comes into play if someone tells you their sexual preferences. To some of the younger Gothlings it's fashionable to be Bi due to the thinking of Vampires and being creatures of the night. Others who generally are older in the scene, take their sexuality seriously and are either known to be Hetero, Bi or Gay just because they are, and not to look cool. There is no homophobia because the understanding of playing around and stepping on friends toes is obeyed and tolerated if an actual mistake does occur. This bonding and understanding comes from years of abuse for being whom we are. Our pastimes do not fall into the category of "normal behaviour" and we are not seen as a productive influence in society. Some find us scary, others scorn us as being some fringe alternative group. Yet I have spoken to people who know the Gothic community without being Goth who sympathise and know us to be helpful and courteous to people. We are our own police, councillors, support group and teachers, looking after whom ever falls into our circle and accepts us and understands our needs. Their sexual needs either straight, gay or both are satisfied in this circle of friends and people can see in one room a guy talking to a girlfriend, get pounced on and kissed or bitten passionately by a boyfriend, and then see him kiss his girlfriend with the same passion. O.K., you say these are just kids mucking around, and yes some of them do just that, but most of them are serious about their personnel preferences. One of my friends who will remain anonymous is one of our DJ's and he's very comfortable spending time with Bis and gays. We know fully that he has a point where he does get uncomfortable when put into a compromising position. We understand this and never pressure him. As with any friend you don't try and push your sexuality onto them and the same thing inside our collective.

Goths have many and varied ways of communicating about sex and the ideas behind it. In fact I have overheard many a various debate on sexual preference on both Internet and in the nightclubs. This conversation isn't philosophical or accusational, yet an interesting debate on sexuality as a whole, and how it seems that a person MUST be classified as a sex so the government can categorise you as decent or perverted or some other weird listing. Goth can not be classified because it's meaning jumps from person to person. What one person thinks

is Goth, another might dismiss. With this aversion to labels, labels like "Bisexual" or "Gay" do not get used unless it is in a jovial aspect.

If you notice, the governments of our time like sorting out people as winners and losers, black or white, Hetero or Homo. Yet when you come to bisexuality, we like to believe we are both, but we're not. We are placed into the same boat as gays. Goths are no different. We have always been classified in the Street gang/ Violent types. People still tar us with classifications that are out-dated and wrong. We are hassled and looked upon as second class citizens, as nothing better than street trash. We use this classification as a tool. We don't want to be bothered by other people's mundane actions, so we use this "fear" that has been generated to get our privacy. Yet Goth, like Bisexuality, is making its presence felt. People are using the genre to make points and statements in Movies, books, and in its own strange way Television soap operas. Goths are like yourselves, although we hate to admit it, people. We have the same problems and hassles as everyone else. As with many others, some of us cannot resolve whom and what we are or find where we fit in, if such a place exists. This drives some of us to Depression and others so far as Suicide.

Our job, like the job you must do now, is to be accepted for who we are and what we can achieve in both the work force, and society in general. Many people don't walk into job interviews dressed like a bisexual because there is no "major" dress code of that community. When you walk into a job interview dressed in full blacks, white make-up, and tell tale signs of removed piercing, you find a lot of people close their minds to the idea of a Gothic person working for them due to their image. The public in general have an out of sight, out of mind policy. If you can not see it, it no longer exists in the public's reality. Sexuality is hard to see from the public eye. Goth is there showing the world that it is time to realise what is happening to the world's population, it's not the view of mom and dad and two well behaved kids and a dog called "Rusty". It's hardship, dark, unforgiving and brutal on the young minds of today. Having to put up with the world detesting them for their choice of fashion and music, they now have to face the added hatred of sexual preference.

Yet inside this select group of dark troubled people whose graveyard pastimes and strange facial paintings and whose music is looked down on with scorn and disdain, is the one thing that makes Goths and The Bisexual, even the Gay and Lesbian community so similar.

The world could learn a lot from this group of people.

This paper was presented in the Alternative Communities Stream at the 2nd Australian Conference on Bisexuality, Sydney, 21-23 February 1997.

Call for submissions:

I am looking for excellent quality poetry written by bisexuals for an anthology. The working title is "Bi Any Means Necessary: An Anthology of Bisexual Poetry." Poems may be of any length and may be unpublished or available to be reprinted

with permission if previously published. Of special interest are poems that reflect bisexual politics, relationship issues, and the connection with the gay/lesbian and heterosexual communities. Deadline: April 30, 1997

Send to Patti Christensen/P.O. Box 50711/Mendota, MN 55150. e-mail: rgweaver@mn.uswest.net.

Call for Submissions:

Editors Kim Howard and Annie Stevens are compiling a new book in which lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender college students share their experiences on coming out or being closeted

on their college campuses. If you are or were an undergrad in the '90s, your contribution is invited. For guidelines, write to P.O. Box 5345, Takoma Park, MD 20913, e-mail AS154@umail.umd.edu or go to the web page <http://www.wam.umd.edu/~StevensA/book.html>.

Confidentiality assured. Deadline June 30, 1997.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

1st Bi Group in Argentina forms for Women

from our Bi-Correspondent in Buenos Aires, Alejandra Sarda.

Things are going terrifically well here. On February, I appeared on TV (it was a talk show) speaking as a bisexual and gave out my phone number for women interested in being part of a support group. Can you believe that the phone did not stop ringing for weeks? More than a hundred women phoned. Of course, not all of them finally joined the group; many were just needing a little talk or simply knowing that there was a place where they will be accepted and listened to, in case they needed. On February 21st, about 20 women and I started the first ever support group for bisexual women in our country. The group is going on wonderfully, and next women we will start a second one, because women keep phoning!

One of the women in the group is designing a banner for us to carry on Pride Day. I suggested we use the rainbow flag but with no clear division among the colors, as a symbol of our reluctance to choose sides and divide our feelings/beings in neat categories. At least one of them - the designer- has promised to carry the banner with me. I hope there will be more than one by then!

2nd Lesbian, Gay, Transvestite, Transsexual & Bisexual National Conference.

Salta, Argentina - 28 y 29 de Marzo de 1997

from Alejandra Sarda in Buenos Aires.

When last year at the 1st Conference, Salta was chosen as host for the 2nd, we all knew it was a challenge. And we were right. A few days before our arrival, a local conservative newspaper wrote about the perverts ready to invade the city, while pro-family and Christian groups threaten with a human chain to impede our entrance to the hotel.

In that climate, about 50 activists from Buenos Aires and Rosario arrived in a very mobilized town. Local media covered the conference all the time; to our surprise, newspapers and TV were serious, respectful and informative. The promoted human chain never materialized; on the contrary, people everywhere showed us solidarity and affection. As trans - activist Lohanna Berkins said to a local media, Salta's society proved to be a long way ahead of its leaders. Police participation was reduced to following our bus wherever it went and being on duty in front of the bar where workshops were held.

Political pressures made the University back off at the last moment, leaving us without a place for workshops and plenaries. The Conference was then held at a local gay bar, Nosotros. It was not at all the most suitable place (several workshops had to be reformulated) but everyone's good disposition soon made it seem fitting.

Overcoming their fears, local lesbians, gays and transvestites attended in growing numbers, and that was one of the Conference's main achievements. By the end, they almost out numbered those coming from other provinces.

Workshops were suitable for all tastes. Young Gays and Lesbians Group (Buenos Aires) invited us to a generational exchange, where the elders told how our young days had been. Marcelo Ferreyra (CHA, Buenos Aires) promoted the Argentinean gltt movement's history. Lohanna Berkins and Paula Rodriguez (ALIT, Buenos Aires) used masks to connect everyone with their "inner transvestite". We, Escrita en el Cuerpo, shared a warm and deep collective reflection on activists' private and public lives, their conflicts and potentials. Nestor Talento (Lugar Gay, Buenos Aires) analyzed gay couples; Cesar Cigliutti (CHA, Buenos Aires) facilitated an analysis of new strategies to be implemented before the media, while Pedro Paradiso (Arco Iris, Rosario) made us face AIDS and our excuses.

For the first time, a workshop brought together lesbians, bi and trans - women; it was facilitated by Lesbianas a la Vista and its subject was the diverse constructions of sexual identity. Two workshops awoke powerful and deep emotions in us all:- 100 years of conscience (Diana Mines, Mujer y Mujer, Uruguay) - a collective dramatization starting with the dawn of homosexual movements in Germany and ending with Stonewall and today's pride statement in each one of us; and Zapatos tacoaguja (Belen Correa, ATA, Buenos Aires) an impressive monologue on daily violence forced upon transvestites, with later debate.

Two "out of schedule" actions became an unforgettable experience for us all, but mostly for locals. On Friday night, several of us went to O'Clock, the most elegant gay disco in town. The owner did not allow local transvestites to enter, while not applying the same rule to those from Buenos Aires. The answer was a very noisy demonstration outside the bar, inviting the patrons to join in, which they did. It all ended with Conference lesbians, gays and transvestites at the

disco's stage, using microphones to invite everyone to attend next day's workshops. On Saturday night, Salta witnessed for the first time in its history a Pride Parade. We all marched embracing each other, preceded by the rainbow flag, first in silence but soon with chants and slogans. It was very moving to see local gays, lesbians and transvestites who just the day before spoke of their panic to be visible, and now were proudly marching.

Several important resolutions were agreed upon at this 2nd Conference:

- * To organize a national campaign towards an Anti-discriminatory Law specifically mentioning sexual identity and orientation, coordinated by a national coalition of groups and individuals (meetings will be held in Rosario in July and Buenos Aires in November).
- * To celebrate Transvestite and Transsexual Day, on the date a trans group stood up for the first time to defend their rights in Dictatorship times. Nadia Echazu (OTTRA, Buenos Aires) would like to invite other countries to organize similar celebrations. It will probably be a picnic that we all will attend cross-dressed.
- * Principles for the next Conferences:- horizontal practices are the rule for the organizing committee, that is to be open to any glttb group or individual wishing to join; equality by inclusion of glttb individuals and issues; autonomy from political parties and national institutions; straight participation to be limited to an specific workshop, upon invitation by a lgttb organization/individual, PFLAG groups are excluded from this limitation; scholarships for people living outside Buenos Aires, lesbians, different women and people with special needs (HIV/AIDS, disabilities, old age, etc.); decision to be taken by consensus and not vote.

Now, Cordoba '98 waits for us. The balance is more than favorable. This 2nd Conference found us much more mature, better inclined towards dialogue and consensus, with more pride and achievements. We close this chronicle with a beautiful statement from Marlene Guayas (OTTRA, Buenos Aires) capturing the spirit of the Conference: "Respect is not enough, diversity is to be enjoyed". And we did it.

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Catching the Bi Vibe

Robert Morrison reports on BIACT-L

The following is quoted from: <http://www.glaad.org/glaad/alert/index.html>

May's Vibe magazine's special sex section includes an uncensored conversation with openly bisexual recording artist and mother Me'Shell NdegeOcello, a 1997 GLAAD Media Award winner. Written by Christian Witkin, the openly bisexual daughter of Alice Walker, "Have No Fear" unflinchingly and unapologetically discuss the singer's sexual orientation and the most intimate of her sexual desires.

Speaking of her first time, NdegeOcello tells Vibe "the first time she kissed me, her tongue just probed my entire throat and mouth, and it was the most amazing feeling." Witkin asks, "if having short hair or being openly bisexual affect record sales," and questions her about raising a son and her mother's reaction to her sexual orientation.

While many publications, including many gay and lesbian publications, often ignore bisexuality, Vibe should be commended for dealing openly, honestly and un-apologetically about the fascinating songstress and bisexuality.

Contact: Alan Light,
Editor, Vibe,
3rd Floor, 205 Lexington Avenue,
New York, NY 10016,
fax: 212.522.4578, e-mail: vibe@vibe.com.

OR SEND AN INSTANT MESSAGE TO VIBE.
<http://www.glaad.org/glaad/alert/message4.html>

Tango Anyone !

from Lori and David in California.

TANGO! For Bi and Bi-Curious Couples...And Those Who Love Them!

Do have a look at the newly updated TANGO site:-

<http://users.deltanet.com/~tango>

Bi Community News now On-line

from Nick Smith as reported on BiWorld.

Issues 14 and 15 of "Bi Community News", the national newsletter for UK bisexuals is now available on-line, together with all back issues at;

<http://bi.org/~bcn/>

Issue 15 - Features this month

BiCon '97 in big trouble! + Take Time Out for weird sex + East Enders Watch + Are Bisexuals oppressed? + Valentine's Day Special + The Advocate readers on TG rights

Issue 14 - January 1997 Features

K.D. Lang is Bisexual! + EastBender Tony Snogs Woman + Radical, Feminist Lesbians + Going to local Bi groups + A Year In Safer Sex Education + Fat And Bi

<http://bi.org/> provides a free Internet presence for bisexual individuals, groups and non-profit organisations. Recent additions to the site include:

<http://bi.org/~russia/> Russian Queer World
<http://bi.org/~atheists/> Freethinking Bisexuals
<http://bi.org/poetry/> Women's poetry mailing list

<http://bi.org/~LBiWomen/> London Bi Women's Group
<http://bi.org/~hsn/> Healthier Sex Network (Canada)

For details on obtaining free WWW space for your group, please see <http://bi.org/free.html>

Nick Smith, Cambridge UK. <http://bi.org/~nas/>

London Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Pride Parade and Festival

Saturday 5th July 1997

From <http://www.pride.org.uk>

Parade Route:

Hyde Park; Lower Regents Street; Whitehall; Millbank to Victoria.

Festival:

Clapham Common from 2.30pm

Timetable:

11am Assemble at Hyde Park
12pm Parade starts
2.30pm Festival with live bands at Clapham Common
10pm Festival Ends with fireworks spectacular

New Queer Science Fiction & Fantasy Mailing List

GeeQ@ListServ.aol.com

GeeQ is an e-mail list for discussion of Science Fiction and Fantasy from queer perspectives. Anyone interested in the subject matter is welcome to join, regardless of sexual orientation.

More information can be found by sending the command INFO GEEQ to listserv@listserv.aol.com

Any other questions can be directed to GeeQ-request@listserv.aol.com

To subscribe to GeeQ, send the command

SUBSCRIBE GeeQ Your Name
to listserv@listserv.aol.com

13th Annual IGLYO Conference

– FASCISM AND HOMOPHOBIA –

PISA, 27 JULY - 3 AUGUST 1997

The International Lesbian and Gay Youth Organisation (IGLYO) in close co-operation with Arcigay/Arcilesbica Pisa/Firenze are proud to present the 13th IGLYO conference on 'Homophobia and fascism: giving young lesbians, gays, bisexuals and transgendered people the tools to organise for change'.

What is an IGLYO conference all about?

One of the most important activities of IGLYO is the organisation of the annual conference. At the conference you will work with other young l/g/b/t people who represent the widest diversity of cultures, countries, political affiliations and occupations. Speeches, workshops and discussions will be organised. Moreover you will have a chance to get to know the work of other l/g/b/t youth organisations. It is a unique opportunity to exchange information. Apart from the more serious parts there is a social programme, including workshops on dance, music and massage and visits to Italian gay/lesbian bars.

Contents

Homophobia never appears alone. It is often present at the same time as other fascist tendencies appear in society. For example, in the last few years in a number of countries we have seen an increase in the number of attacks on gay men; the Front National in France openly preaches anti gay policy. However, these concrete violations against sexual minorities are often not recognized or brought to the attention of the public. Partly this has to do with the unawareness within the anti-fascist movement, partly because young lesbians, bisexuals, transgendered people and gay men are often not in the position to fight homophobia themselves.

These facts and developments inspired IGLYO to the subject of this year's conference. We will look at the historical and social background of homosexuality and fascism. There will be presentations on the situation of gays and lesbians in World War 2, an overview of the rise of right wing movements in different parts of the world. But moreover, the conference will provide skills in campaigning and combating fascism and homophobia. Experts from anti-fascist organisations will be invited and special attention will be given to the work of l/g/b/t youth groups in this field.

When and where does the conference take place?

The conference will take place from July 27 (arrival) till August 3 (departure) in Pisa (Italy).

Language

English and French will be the working languages.

Who can apply?

Everybody who identifies as g/l/b/t and is under the age of 27 and has a special interest in the subject of the conference. IGLYO especially reaches out to representatives of l/g/b/t youth organisations and those who belong to or identify with a traditionally underrepresented groups.

Participation fee

There is a participation fee of approximately DM 150. This fee includes -participation in the program, -accommodation in a beautiful Italian hotel, -breakfast, lunches and dinner,

Travel and Visa

IGLYO has only limited possibilities to reimburse travel costs. However we will be able to give some travel reimbursement. If you want to be eligible for a proportional reimbursement, indicate this on your application form. IGLYO urgently encourages every participant to look into local funding and scholarship possibilities (f.e. SOROS foundation). Those who need a visa for Italy, please indicate this on your application form. IGLYO will provide an invitation letter.

Technical assistance for those with disabilities

If you need special, additional support, please indicate this on your application form. IGLYO will do its best to serve your needs.

Applications

If you are interested, please fill in the application form. Do not forget to include a letter of motivation and some information from your organisation. There are 60 places available. Selection will be made by IGLYO on the basis of the application forms and motivation letters. A maximum of 2 representatives from the same organisation will be accepted. We strive to have a gender and geographic diversity.

APPLICATIONS BY E-MAIL ARE NOT ACCEPTED!
You should send or fax your application form **BEFORE JUNE 15 to:**

IGLYO
Annual Conference 1997
PO Box 542
NL-1000 AM
Amsterdam
Fax: +31 20 6188172

**Successful applicants will be informed
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

Hope to see you in Pisa!

On behalf of IGLYO,

Henrike Eisfeld
Nick Georgiev
Michele di Gregorio
Dennis van der Veur

LATE NEWS

Victorian Bisexual Man Charged

It was reported on Channel 9 News on Monday, 12th May, that a La Trobe Valley HIV positive man appeared in court on more than 300 charges relating to him knowingly and wilfully having unsafe sex with 7 men and 1 woman. The eight, all from the area, are aged between 19 and 34 and some of the men were described as intellectually disabled. The charges arose after one of the men found he was now HIV positive. Three of the eight were found to have been infected by the man, a bisexual and prominent businessman. He was married and has a young child, the report stated. He is accused of inviting his "victims" back to one of three residences, where he plied them with alcohol, amyl nitrate and put on porn videos and then he engaged in unsafe sex with them knowing he was infected with HIV. It was said he used position in the community to coerce them into engaging in sexual activity with him. He has denied the charges.

This irresponsible and wilful behaviour by this man the media have described as bisexual, will result in a backlash against all bisexuals and bi men in particular. We will be portrayed as evil, AIDS spreading predators. This comes on the heels of the suicide of former Supreme Court Judge, David Yeldham, late in 1996, after he was named in the NSW Parliament in connection with police protection and cover up of well known paedophiles. What Yeldham was hiding was his double life, his bisexuality. No proof has been established by the Wood Royal Commission that he was having sex with young boys at Sydney railway station toilets (beats). Yeldham's suicide was headline news and so was his secret life and his bisexuality.

Be prepared for yet another round of bisexual bashing.

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NATIONAL & REGIONAL NEWS

On-line Newsletter for Adelaide's Bisexual Community

from Jason in Adelaide.

'Bi the Way' is the new newsletter for Adelaide's Bisexual Community produced by the Adelaide Bisexual Support Group. The newsletter can also be found on the World Wide Web at:- <http://www.box.net.au/~merlin/newsletter.html>

Mailing List Statistics for queer.org.au (as of April 2nd)

You might be interested to know how many people are on each of the mailing lists administered by queer.org.au.

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|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 114 actqueer | 200 dqa | 84 ozbi | 43 qnet |
| 30 actqchat | 35 dqavic | 129 ozchat | 29 sbn |
| 181 ausgbf | 36 gayyouth | 44 ozpoz | 49 scm |
| 28 atgl | 3 military | 60 qc | 22 uts |
| 105 crux | 41 mgparade | 27 qldqueer | 72 vicqueer |

queer.org.au is now handling anywhere between 2000 and 10000 messages per day, the majority of which is going to the mailing lists.

Queer Stuff

from Laura Seabrook in Newcastle, NSW.

I have an article written by Maree Porter on the Bi Conference in my netzine Laura Seabrook's Queer Stuff. To Access it, go to:

http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Corridor/6633/qs_frame.htm

or

http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Corridor/6633/qs_abn.htm

Cheers, -Laura Anne Seabrook

e-mail:

c9704057@alinga.newcastle.edu.au

home page

<http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Corridor/6633>

The 1997 Brisbane Lesbian and Gay Pride Festival Wants YOU!

Energetic volunteers who identify with the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities are needed now to ensure the success of Brisbane's 8th Annual Pride Festival starting on June 8th.

This year's events include the Queen's Birthday Ball, art exhibition, fair day & pet parade, rally & march, dance party, forums, films, gay and lesbian writers, Leather Pride party and the Queer Collaborations national conference! Rally, march and fair day will be on Saturday, June 28th and the Pride party will be on July 5th.

Meets EVERY Thursday, 7:00 PM.

Venue: Writers' Guild Building, Wickham Terrace, Spring Hill, opposite Albert Park near Gregory Terrace.

Call NINA at PRIDE for further information on 0418 152 801.

PRIDE Collective

PO Box 5159

West End 4101

The Pride events for Brisbane, Sydney and Perth can be found on the Web at:

<http://pride.queer.org.au/>

ABN will be participating in the 1997 Brisbane Pride Festival with two forums on bisexuality, in the march and a stall at Fair Day, the opening of Bar Bi and a dinner during the QC Conference. If you want to help or be involved in the March, Fair Day or any other events please call ABN.

Sydney Pride Week 1997

CELEBRATING GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL & TRANSGENDER DIVERSITY THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE STONEWALL RIOT AND THE SECOND YEAR OF THE PRIDE CENTRE

PRIDE (Sydney) announces the program for the 1997 PRIDE Week.

--> Saturday June 21

PRIDE Week Launch and Street Fair - 11 am - 5 pm
26 Hutchinson Street, Surry Hills Featuring food and merchandise stalls, music, live entertainment, and surprises.

BENT HEADS ART EXHIBITION OPENING - 5pm
Portraits of Queer Community identities. First prize \$1000. Exhibition on all week.

We started the Stonewall riot, so now we're starting the Stonewall Week celebrations with the 1997 TRANY PRIDE BALL. 10pm @ Caesars Palace, 386-388 Parramatta Rd, Petersham. \$5 at the door. Shows on the hour 11pm-2am. Dress as glam as you can! Info: Norrie @ (02) 9569 2366.

--> Sunday June 22 - 1.00 pm

PRIDE WINTER PICNIC at a venue to be advised.

--> Monday June 23 - 7.30 pm

QUEER Bingo

--> Tuesday June 24 - 8 pm

FUNNY FARM - Kinsellas - 8 pm Featuring the best of Queer Comedy

--> Wednesday June 25- 8 pm

FILM FESTIVAL Festival of Films exploring the effect of HIV/AIDS on the representation of queer sexuality in Australian Independent film. NOW AT the Academy Twin Cinema, Oxford St, Paddington

STONEWALL PUB CRAWL - Bus provided for crawlers. Newtown & Oxford Street Pubs featuring political speakers and entertainment.

--> Thursday June 26 - 7.30 pm

QUEER Trivia - Queer quiz - Hosted by Kimberly O'Sullivan - PRIDE Centre 26 Hutchinson Street Surry Hills

Lesbian & Gay Anti Violence Project FORUM ON HOMOPHOBIA with Professor Greg Herek (world renowned expert) from the University of California, 6pm @ the PRIDE Centre.
E-mail: avp@eagles.bbs.net.au

--> Friday June 27 - 7.30 pm

QUEER TALENT QUEST - PRIDE Centre

--> Saturday June 28 - 8 pm - 2 am

The Stonewall Ball - Themed "Winter Wonderland" - RAS Showgrounds Tickets ARE \$45 (\$30 conc) - Aussie Boys, The Bookshops and PRIDE Centre (concession tickets only from PRIDE)

For more information phone: 02 9331 1333 or e-mail: pride@geko.net.au

or view events on the web at: <http://pride.queer.org.au/sydney/>

PRIDE is also open to proposals for fringe events. If you have ideas contact Bronte Morris on 02 9331 1333.

Australian GLBT News Site

from Keith Jeffers

The Hunny Bunnies (if you haven't heard of us) are upgrading our internet services to provide the Australian Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender community a central new service reflecting what is being said in the straight press around oz. I really need some help in compiling the site, people to help go through newspapers in their state and help me to find relevant newspaper articles. We are in WA.

You can submit articles as fax, post or mail as seen at the site. I also need to know what newspapers are printed where, both straight and gay.

If you can help me please e-mail me, < keithj@kjco.com.au >

or look up the site... The URL is <http://www.kjco.com.au/gpages/press>

ABN NEWS

1998 Australian Bisexual Conference

It was decided at the ABN National Meeting on February 23rd that a 1998 Bi Conference be held in the early half of 1998 at a time and location that allowed maximum participation from people (during university holidays and during such festivals as Melbourne's Midsummer or Sydney's Mardi Gras).

A Conference Planning Group has been established to look at location, time, venue, speakers, events, publicity and fund raising. If you are interested in having input into the planning of the 1998 Bi Conference then please contact ABN and we will include you on the planning group. At the moment we are discussing location and time for the next conference. So far Sydney in early to mid February is favoured though Melbourne is still an option for late January or early February.

The following people are on the planning group, please feel free to contact them with any ideas you may have.

Sabina (Adelaide)

Jewel (Brisbane) <jewel@ca.com.au>

Anna (Perth) <mouse@tartarus.uwa.edu.au>

Denise (Hobart) <dwebber@netspace.net.au>

Mik (Sydney) <mikz@poboxes.com>

Wayne (Brisbane) <ausbinet@rainbow.net.au>

Marce (Newcastle) <c9222392@alinga.newcastle.edu.au>

Kirsten (Melbourne) <kemcl1@student.monash.edu.au>

Clare (Canberra) <guenther@coombs.anu.edu.au>

Ben (Brisbane) <bard@wonderland.pasdex.com.au>

Munro (Sydney) <munro@ci.com.au>

ABN is looking at having a mailing list established for discussion and an IRC channel (#A.B.N.) on Undernet for meetings. While having e-mail and access to IRC are advantages, they are not a requirement to being involved. If you want to be involved contact ABN or one of the people above.

New Constitution for ABN

The National Meeting in February endorsed a resolution for ABN to Incorporate in the Australian Capital Territory and thus be covered nationally. Alan from Adelaide was given the task of preparing a new and suitable constitution for incorporation that also allowed for regional bisexual networks and groups to be covered through affiliation with ABN. Roger volunteered to be ABN's agent/officer in Canberra for lodging the application for incorporation.

A draft constitution has now been prepared by Alan. Under the proposed constitution, ABN will consist of an Executive (president and 8 executive officers elected by the individual members) and a National Council (2 representatives from each regional bisexual group appointed or elected by each group). Each member of a regional bisexual group will also be an individual member of ABN as long as they remain a member of that group.

Regional groups like BAM Inc. will be Corporate Members of ABN and will operate under their constitution and a Charter from ABN. Groups such as SBN will be given a Charter from ABN to operate as a Bisexual Council of ABN under the ABN constitution. The Charter will take into account the specific needs of the group to allow some degree of autonomy. Bi-friendly groups and services such as the Gender Centre Inc. and the Townsville Sexual Health Clinic will become Associate Members with no voting rights or representation on the Council.

Advantages of Incorporation: ABN will be able to apply for funding in its own right, members including those of regional groups, will be protected from liability in most cases, regional bi groups now un-incorporated will be able to apply for funding as a Bisexual Council (branch) of an Incorporated ABN, greater recognition of ABN and it's service to the Bi community. Membership fees may actually drop because of increased membership as a result of members of regional groups becoming ABN members. There will be a greater sharing of roles and workload and streamlining of services under the proposed constitution.

If you would like a copy of the Draft Constitution, please send an A4 sized stamped envelope to ABN. All regional Bi groups/networks will be receiving a copy in the near future. There will be a time limit placed to have replies and comments on the draft back to ABN after which Incorporation will proceed with the final draft version of the Constitution. Many thanks to Alan in Adelaide for all the work he has done on the draft.

Bi Youth Focus for ABN

Following the Bi Youth Forum at the national conference in February, there has been renewed interest in the youth area of ABN. The previous youth arm of ABN has been renamed, Australian Bisexual Youth Alliance (ABYA). Since then moves in Sydney by Glenn and Jon-Paul have resulted in the formation of a Bi youth group there and one has been restarted in Brisbane by Shaun, Jewel, Ben and others. The Brisbane group has organised four events to date and they seem to be going quite well with a core group of around eight people and growing. The Sydney Bisexual Youth group commense meetings this month.

Maree Porter of Newcastle has taken over the roll as National Women's Bi Youth Officer from Sabina. Myke Dobber in Hobart remains the other National Bi Youth Officer. Maree may be speaking at the upcoming Queer Collaborations - the National Queer Students' Conference in Brisbane June 30 to July 4. Any Bi students coming to Brisbane for this conference should contact ABN or Maree so we can plan events. Other Bi speakers could be Sabina, Ben and Wayne and there is a Bi Dinner planned for July 1st.

ABN will soon join up the ABYA as a member of the International Lesbian & Gay Youth Organisation (IGLYO), an international body for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people under 28. The IGLYO Conference will be held in

Pisa, Italy from July 27th to Aug. 3rd and ABN hopes to secure sponsorship or funding to send at least one Bi youth representative to this conference. If you are interested in helping to raise funds for this or you are able to attend at your own expense, contact ABN for more details and registration form. Only through us all working together on these matters can things be achieved. Sabina Nowak in Adelaide and Ben Wilson in Brisbane have indicated they would like to attend and represent ABN & ABYA. This would be the first time that a representative of an Australian youth group attended and I think the first time that an "out" Bi youth rep. Attended. ABN tried to send Sabina to the IGLYO Conference in Manchester in 1995 but the Australian Youth Foundation turned down her funding.

New Book Launched

The launch of **"She's my wife, He's just sex"** by Sue Joseph took place in Sydney on April 14th.. A book explores the issue of married men who have sex with men - interviews with the men, some women, researches and other experts. Wendy Bacon launched the book Upstairs at The Royal Hotel, Glenmore Road, Five Ways, Paddington. Munro Saunders, representing Wayne Roberts for ABN attended the launch. The book has a section titled, Australian Bisexual Network. Sue had contacted ABN last year for information and interviewed Wayne Roberts. Munro has kindly donated two copies of the book to ABN's resource library.

The book is published by the Australian Centre for Independent Journalism (ACIJ) which can be reached on (02) 9514 2488. An form to order this book is included with this issue of National Biways.

On April 21st, Sue Joseph was interviewed on JJJ Radio about her research, the men, their wives and the book. Wayne Roberts was in JJJ's Brisbane studio to also respond to the interviewer's questions and for an on-air listeners' talk back segment with Sue. Sue later appeared on Channel 9's Midday Show with a person from GAMMA NSW. An article also appeared in Sydney's, Sun Herald newspaper, on April 26th. ABN received over 36 calls on the 21st and people who heard the interview are still contacting ABN.



There is always fun to be had around the pool table at ABN parties and socialnights at Gillian's place.



Pics from the ABN Brisbane Christmas Party.

Yes, I know it is a bit late but better late than never.

Above left we have Shaun, Jewel, Wayne and Gillian cutting the ABN Christmas cake.

Above right we have Jude and Frieda, the winners of our Christmas competitions.

Below is Wayne with some of the party guests illustrating the broad diversity in ages ABN caters to.



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Why not become part of OUR family by becoming an ABN Member.

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Welcome to the ABN pages. We've got lots of information, photos, and links here so take some time to check it out. We hope you'll enjoy your stay and tour some of the other sites & attractions and visit some of our favourite places and friends.



Bi Australian Made ... For Quality That Lasts



03 150

You are number **03 150** to have visited our page since 27th Jan 97.
(Previous counters showed a total of around 3,700 hits from 4th Sept. 96)



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About the Australian Bisexual Network

The Australian Bisexual Network is a national network for:

- *bisexual women*
- *bi transsexuals*
- *bisexual men*
- *partners and friends of Bi people*
- *bisexual and bi-friendly groups and services*

ABN does not claim to represent all bisexual identified or bisexually active people but does offer a voice for, diverse as they are in lifestyles, people united by their sexuality. ABN co-operates with a range of groups & services Australia wide.

ABN is based in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia and can be contacted by:

New Format for ABN's Internet Web Pages

Thanks to Graham in Sydney, ABN's Home page and other information, links and photo pages on the Web have a new, user friendly and exciting format. The new format can be seen on the page opposite. Graham has molded all the information on our old pages into this great new menu format so you can see at a glance where you want to go and then simply click on there to reach the exact spot without screening through page after page.

Some new sites and features have been added including ABN's Personal Ads Pages, Bi Conference Photo Gallery and Thumbnail Gallery and this month's Selected Top 10 Sites Page. We are also investigating a page to list links to individual Bi peoples' home pages. So if you have a home page you would like to see listed on this future ABN site, send us your URL.

To have a look at ABN new format home page go to: <http://www.rainbow.net.au/~ausbinet/>

New Membership Numbers for ABN's Members

In preparation for ABN's Incorporation, we have revised our membership numbering system and issued all current members new membership numbers. The new membership number appears on the address label of the envelope this magazine came in. After Incorporation all current members will receive a membership card.

RESEARCH & NETWORKING

Life History Research on Bisexuals in NSW

Hi, my name is Maree Porter, I'm currently doing my Honours thesis in Sociology at the University of Newcastle and I'm searching for bisexual people (18 and over) to participate in a study exploring experiences (ie coming out, social activities, how you came to identify as bisexual etc.) of regional, rural and Sydney/metro people who identify as a bisexual. Interested parties will be asked to participate in a semi-structured interview, which will be conducted over the phone or face to face (depending on participants distance from Newcastle). Participants anonymity will be assured, and copies of transcribed interviews, contact addresses and phone numbers of participants will be destroyed when the research is finished.

If you think you would like to participate in this piece of research, or you would like more information please contact me via e-mail on:- c9222392@alinga.newcastle.edu.au
or write to me at:- **PO Box 57, Shortland Union Building, Callaghan, NSW 2308.**

Look forward to hearing from you, Maree Porter

Bi Academics List

I'm interesting in compiling some sort of list of names, e-mail addresses and topic areas/disciplines of Australian postgrads and academics working in the area of bi politics/issues. If this description fits you, drop me a quick note, and in return I'll post you the complete list. Hopefully this can be the beginnings of some serious and profitable networking!

(Oh, and regarding confidentiality, the list will **only** be sent to others on the list. No junk mail risk involved!)

Myke Dobber:- m_dobber@postoffice.utas.edu.au

(If you don't have e-mail access, you can write to me c/o the ABN.)

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

AN ANTHOLOGY OF WRITINGS BY BISEXUAL PEOPLE OF FAITH

I am seeking writing contributions by bisexual people of faith (Jews, Christians, Pagans, Quakers, UUs, Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, Wiccans, people in 12-step recovery, as well as those following other spiritual paths) for an anthology. The working title of the anthology is *A Wideness of Spirit: Testimonies of Bisexual People of Faith*. My intended focus at this point is the presence of connections/intersections/links between your sexuality and your spirituality, but I'm open to broadening this focus, depending on submissions. Here are some topics I would love to see covered:

What exactly does your bisexuality have to do with your spirituality? How are they intertwined?

What has your history been like with regard to integrating your bisexuality and faith life? What childhood experiences did you have? >What has changed for you along the way? What role has your faith/spirituality played in your coming-out process? What role has bisexuality played in your spiritual awakening?

Have you had to struggle with scripture, doctrine and/or tradition as a bisexual person? What has been difficult for you? What has been healing for you?

What does it mean to you today to live as a bisexual Jew/Christian/Muslim/Pagan/etc.?

What pastoral support have you needed? How have you been ministered to as a bi person of faith?

Do you have a theology of bisexuality? A bi liberation theology? How does your bisexuality shape your images of the Divine? How do your images of the Divine shape your bisexuality?

What impact do your sexuality and your spirituality have on the sexual ethics you practice?

How does your bisexuality impact on your worship life? Is your bisexual identity welcome where you worship? Do you get to worship with other bisexual people? (If not, would you want to?) Do you have a bi-affirming faith community? What support has your congregation/denomination/lesbian-gay religious group given you? How out are you in your house of worship?

Are you out as a person of faith in lesbian/gay/bisexual settings?

How has the intersection of your faith and sexuality impacted your intimate relationships? (This can include discussion of marriage/holy union issues.)

How has AIDS impacted your sexual/faith life?

For clergy contributors, how has your bisexuality impacted your religious training and work?

In addition to seeking a broad range of religious/spiritual/theological locations and experiences, I hope the anthology will exhibit race/class/gender/age/geographic diversity, and that writers will reflect on the impact of these identities on the above questions. I'm also seeking contributors who handle their bisexuality in a variety of ways - including celibate people in religious orders, people in monogamous couples of any gender, married (or commitment ceremonies) folks, people in triads, people who identify as swingers, polyamorous people and just about anyone else who identifies as bisexual.

Essays, journal entries, prayers, songs and liturgy are welcome; there is no word count restriction at this stage (but the longer your submission, the more likely it is that it will be edited for length). Submissions can be published anonymously or pseudonymously, but I will need your name and other information for initial communication. All published contributors will receive one copy of the anthology.

The deadline for submissions is August 30, 1997 (this date is subject to extension, particularly upon request). Send submissions, ideas, questions to:

Amanda Udis-Kessler, PO Box 1814, Cambridge, MA 02238, USA.

If you can send both a hard copy and an IBM-compatible (Windows/Microsoft Word) disk, you will have my utmost appreciation. Please also feel free to call me at 617/273-9462 or 617/776-8540, or e-mail me at aukcrc@world.std.com with your thoughts and queries. I look forward to hearing from you.

Survey On Mixed-Orientation Couples

by Amity Pierce Buxton of the Spouse Support Network

Some of you may recall last year's survey on mixed-orientation couples sent out in preparation for the bisexuality conference in Berlin. This year, I've been asked to present the same topic for a panel on bisexuality at the American Psychological Association meeting in August. As before, it might be useful to have spouses in such marriages or relationships share what seems to have worked or not worked for them as a couple after the one spouse came out as bisexual, gay, or lesbian (per self-identity).

Included with this magazine is the same questionnaire (slightly refined). I invite each of you and, if possible, your spouse to complete. It's embarrassingly short but aims to provide information that will fill in a bit more of our sparse picture of mixed-orientation marriages, especially bi-hetero marriages and other mixed-orientation relationships. It focuses on coping strategies and external factors that help or hinder the maintenance of the marriage and/or a positive relationship. Out of the responses should come a generalized, anonymous portrait of how mixed-orientation couples, especially bisexual-heterosexual couples, handle a coming out. The findings will be shared.

Those of you who are responding for a second time will provide follow-up data for a longitudinal view of mixed-orientation couples. (Please indicate at the end of the questionnaire if you are a follow-up respondent). For those who are filling it out for the first time, your responses will add data to broaden our picture of mixed-orientation couples, especially bi-straight couples. Bi-gay couples are also encouraged to participate.

Please return the completed survey to me, Amity Pierce Buxton at:

8215 Terrace Drive, El Cerrito, CA, 94530-3058, USA

Any questions, you can e-mail me at: [<khgt90a@prodigy.com>](mailto:khgt90a@prodigy.com)

My Formal Introduction

by Kirsten McLean, ABN member from Melbourne.

Hi there! Allow me to formally introduce myself! I thought after all this time as an ABN member (nearly 3 years now) I should finally tell you who and what I am!!

I'm Kirsten, a nearly 25 year old bisexual woman, mostly monogamous, born and bred in Melbourne. I've been identifying as bisexual for about 3 years and am in a long term relationship with a bisexual man. I began identifying as bisexual in 1994 after my boyfriend at the time told me after we'd been together for 6 months that he was bisexual. I told him that I'd always fantasised about women, and I began to explore my bisexual side more with his support. I bought "Bi Any Other Name", and felt immediately empowered when I realized that I was bi too. I subscribed to ABN in August 1994. All of these things were my "coming out" and I felt like a new person as a result.

In 1995 I began a thesis as part of my Honours degree in Sociology. I decided that since there was so little being written at that stage by bisexual people, I would write on bisexually-identifying young people (18 - 26 y.o). I managed to interview 25 people at length for this thesis. My Honours thesis was the first in my department to not only be written on bisexuality but on 'alternative sexual identities'!!!! My research provided some insight into the unique issues involved in being young and bi - including the feelings of alienation, frustration and loneliness. However, it was also a success in that it showed how strong young bi people are in their resolve to claim bi identities and rise above the shit they cop from some members of both the straight and queer communities. [Wayne, we can discuss the possibilities of the ABN getting a copy of this thesis in a later e-mail if you like]

As for my own activeness, well, apart from the thesis and attending both the Sexuality and Youth Forum and Queer Collaborations conferences in 1995 (where I met the lovely Myke Dobber - my academic pal!!!) I have remained fairly silent. I am still closeted to my parents (although they know I've written on bisexuality and probably have

guessed). I guess by not waving my fists too much I think I'm protecting them, which is stupid I know.

All of my friends know, they actually knew before I did!! They are all cool with this and those who weren't so cool are no longer my pals. I guess in this way I have been extremely lucky.

Now as a Ph.D. student researching in the area of bisexuality/homosexuality/queer theory/popular culture/education (ie I haven't finalized my topic yet!!) I am ready to take on a more active role in the bi community. (I also now work part time and am more free to pursue other interests!!) I would like to become more involved in the ABN, as a contributor, writer or whatever. I don't know how much use I can be down here in Melbourne but I'd like to do what I can.

I'm also on "oz.bi". I've seen your postings about help with the 1998 BiCon. I didn't come to this years BiCon as I was in Adelaide at the time, but I will be there in 1998. Please let me know what helping with next years conf. will involve and I'll let you know if I can help. If I can lighten the load even slightly I'd be more than happy to assist.

Follow Up to Coming Out and Going In

from Teddy in Tasmania

Last year I submitted an article to National Biways. Wayne was good enough to print it in one of the editions. It was titled, "Coming Out and Going In". It dealt with my rather complicated personallife of Marriage, Polyamory and Bisexuality and the issue of whether or not I would come out to my Family as being Bi.

Well, quite a lot has happened since then, quite a lot indeed, most of it, around 95% not good for me personally, or for my family. First things first, well my marriage has effectively ended. My husband left me for one of the partners in our triad. One of the reasons that came out was that he was not as accepting of my bi-

ness as he first made out, and it seems that he harboured deep feelings that I would ultimately leave him for a woman.

At the time, he couldn't have been more wrong. My first loyalty was to him and the commitment we made to always come back to each other, no matter how many other lovers we had. He broke that commitment and my heart along the way. I am slowly pulling my life back together for my sake and that of my children. I've been helped in part by the Uni course I am doing through LDE at Monash. It has given me something to do to keep my mind occupied, otherwise I think I might have drowned in depression.

But back to the issue of being Bi, and the part it played in the events of the past 16 months. My husband once said to me that he thought that with a little push I could end up being a Lesbian. When he said that, I laughed at him because then that was the last thing on my mind. I was very much in love with him and though I did at the time have a girlfriend, the closeness I got from her was complimented by the closeness I got from him. The two went together and I couldn't have separated them and I wouldn't have given up one for the other.

But now I am on my own and I find I am thinking more about just what I do want in life and how I want to spend the rest of it and with whom. This question probably hasn't been helped by the fact that I have just met someone who interests me greatly. Someone that I think I would very much like to get to know a whole lot better. She is a lesbian, very much into monogamy. The question being could I give up a bit of me that is attracted to men. I don't know. I honestly don't know. I love men and I love women and I think I could love this person very much.

For some people there would be no question, that giving up a part of me for the sake of this (maybe) relationship, is just courting disaster, and that if I'm not true to myself then it's doomed to failure. It could very well be but then again, it could also be that I am giving up on a chance to be very happy. Something that has been in very short supply lately.

And then we come to once again to my family. I also have to take into account the effect it has on them, not just my children but the rest of my family because as it stands they still do not know about this side of my life. Coming out as bisexual, they could probably handle but the news that I was moving into a full time lesbian relationship would send immense shock waves through the family.

My relatives are not the most open minded people on the planet and I'm sure the news would offend at least some of them and that would impact on my children. There are no clear cut choices on this one. If there is anyone out there who has been through similar experiences, I would appreciate some words of wisdom. Please e-mail me at dwebber@netspace.net.au or write to me care of the ABN address.

I had hoped that 1997 would be a better year for me than 1996, but it doesn't seem that this is going to happen. My husband will most likely file for a divorce once the years separation is up in May. I'll have to come to terms with the fact that my marriage is beyond salvation and another dream will die.

Whether it will be replaced by another dream, I do not know. I don't know anything anymore.



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National Bi Listings

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1800-653 223 toll free from outside Brisbane (please use only if absolutely necessary).
E-mail: ausbinet@rainbow.net.au
Home Page: <http://www.rainbow.net.au/~ausbinet/>

Australian Bisexual Youth Alliance

ABYA is the national youth arm of ABN and now has Bi youth groups in Brisbane and Sydney which organise regular meetings and social events for young bisexual men and women aged 27 and under and some events for those under 30 years. The ABYA national officers & Brisbane and Sydney groups can be contacted by e-mail and/or mobile phones. For details call ABN or go to the Groups link on ABN's Home Page.

Queensland

Australian Bisexual Network (Brisbane)

Meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 7pm, upstairs at: Cafe Babylon, 142 Boundary Street, West End, Brisbane. Other regular social nights are held on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at Alexandra Hills, Stafford & Fortitude Valley and other locations in Brisbane, Logan City, Ipswich, Sunshine Coast and Gold Coast.

Brisbane Bisexual Women's Group (BiFem)

Meets monthly and organises speakers and social events for bi women and women questioning their sexuality.

Sunshine Bisexual Women's Group (WomBi)

For more info Women ONLY may contact Kim on 0411-309313.

Bisexual Youth Alliance (Brisbane)

Can be contacted by emailing Ben at:
Bard@Wonderland.pasdex.com.au
or call 0418-785 296.

Cairns For details on a small group of Bi people meeting socially in Cairns, contact ABN.

Townsville If you are interested in a new group forming in Townsville, contact ABN.

New South Wales

Sydney Bisexual Network

PO Box 281, Broadway, NSW 2007.
For information on Sydney events ring the info line on 0055-25926
Email: munro@ci.com.au

Bisexuals Of The Hunter (BOTH)

If you are in the Newcastle or Hunter Region of NSW, you can get more info on B.O.T.H. by writing to Marie Porter, Queer Convenor (NUSA), PO Box 57, Shortland Building, Callaghan NSW 2308.

Sydney Bisexual Youth (SBY)

Can be contacted by emailing Glenn at:
glenv@microsoft.com or sby@queer.org.au
or call 0414-664 888.

Women Partners of Bisexual Men Support Group

PO Box 429, Narrabeen, NSW 2101
or telephone (02) 92062026 (business hours).

Australian Capital Territory

Canberra Region Bisexual Network

PO Box 458, Civic Square, ACT 2608
Email: guenther@coombs.anu.edu.au

Victoria

Bisexual Awareness in Melbourne (BAM)

PO Box 38, Clifton Hill, VIC 3064
or telephone (03) 98770224 on Tuesday evenings 7.30pm - 10.30pm.

Eastern Bisexual Support Group

For women over 25 years. Feeling isolated? Join this fun group for social outings, discussions, workshops, speakers. For details call Tania on (03) 9723 4274 and leave name and phone number. (ABN has had no contact with EBSG.)

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GAMMA PROJECT & GAMMALINE

Initiatives of the Australian Bisexual Men's Association. GAMMA Project provides counselling and groups for bisexual and married gay men and their partners, training and workshops for health and community professionals & volunteers, a resource library and a telephone information and counselling service. Contact: The Franklin Centre, PO Box 223, Mont Albert, VIC 3127

or telephone (03) 9890 1068 or (03) 9899 0509 (GAMMALINE).

Tasmania

Hobart Bisexual Support Network

c/o TGLRG, GPO Box 1733, Hobart, TAS 7001

E-mail Myke Dobber at:

m_dobber@postoffice.utas.edu.au

South Australia

Adelaide Bisexual Support Group

Organizes social events and meetings for bi and Bi-friendly people. If you are interested please call Gillian on (08) 8395 0318 for details.

E-mail: gevals@dove.net.au

ABSG now have their own online & hardcopy newsletter, *Bi The Way*, with news and events for Adelaide's Bi community (see article).

West Australia

Western Australian Bisexual Network

PO Box 1167, Canning Vale, WA 6155

Email: ajb@opera.iinet.net.au

Other Bi Resources

OzBi - e-mail list for Australian Bisexuals & friends. To subscribe, send the command: **subscribe ozbi** to **majordomo@queer.org.au** (leave subject line blank). To send e-mail message to list: **ozbi@queer.org.au**

Bisexual Women's Contact Newsletter

PO Box 221 Budgewoi NSW 2262

Babelicious - a contact newsletter for women who love women.

PO Box 357 Rozelle NSW 2039

B.O.T.H

(Bisexuals Of The Hunter)

On being Bi in a gay and straight world

BOTH is a group where bisexuals, partners of bisexuals and people who are fluid, can meet to discuss issues that relate to their lives. BOTH is not a counselling service, it is a friendly group which facilitates discussion.

BOTH allows for group discussion, and a base camp for resource access. In the future BOTH plans to have social events (i.e. meeting at The Regal Cinema in Birmingham Gardens) and organise guest speakers to talk on Bi and Queer issues.

When and where does BOTH meet?
ACON 13-15 Watt Street, Newcastle
at 6:30pm on: Tuesdays
11th and 25th March
8th and 22nd of April
(future dates are to be set)

What if you want to come but can't make it?

A monthly BOTH Newsletter is available to all who are interested in the group, but can't come due to travel or other problems.

For more information on BOTH or the BOTH Newsletter, please contact Maree Porter or Stephen Kerry (Queer Convenors for the Newcastle University Students Association (NUSA) at the NUSA office on (049) 681281 or write to us at PO Box 57 Shortland Building, Callaghan 2308

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA (SA).

ADELAIDE.

COUPLE bisexual woman 24, straight man 36, seek bisexual woman between 20 & 35 for friendship with view to a permanent relationship. We are not into scene, do not smoke & are social drinkers. **Code SA-H1.**

ADELAIDE.

BI WOMAN 28, independent, big-hearted, professional, easy-going, dreamer, loves playing tennis, walks on the beach, bottle of wine, good conversation, movies, travel and the natural pleasures of life. Love to hear from other women looking for lots of laughs and honest relationships. **Code SA-C1.**

ADELAIDE SOUTHERN SUBURBS.

BISEXUAL WOMAN 32, **Straight Male** 35, seek bisexual woman 18 - 35 for fun and friendship, long term if suited. Prefer slim, feminine, attractive, any nationality. We are non-smokers, non-scene, healthy and attractive, believe sex should be fun. **Code SA-M4.**

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ADELAIDE.

BI GUY 48, married, straight acting, 6ft tall, 73kg, med. build, healthy & fit, non-smoker, good-looking, would like to meet similar situated guy for meaningful friendship and safe fun times. **Code SA-A2.**

MODBURY / ADELAIDE.

BI MALE non smoker, clean, sincere 5'7" slim/medium build, blonde hair, blue eyes, likes quiet nights, dinner parties etc, seeks genuine bi male to 40 for friendship possible relationship. I have so much love to give. Please write. **Code SA-M2.**

NEW SOUTH WALES (NSW).

ALSTONVILLE (North Coast).

BI WOMAN 22 years seeking a loving caring woman, interested in contacting other caring woman who are overweight. I enjoy outdoor life and looking for a woman from age 21 and over and must like cats. **Code NS-S1**

BATHURST (Central Mid West).

ATTRACTIVE COUPLE Bi woman & hetero guy seek Bi woman or couple for friendship and fun times, aged 18-35. Will travel for right person. All letters answered. **Code NS-O1.**

COOMA.

FARMER 43, Snowy Mtns. Area, non-scene Bi guy, fit, seeking younger gay or bi guy, masculine, nice looking, slim person for friendship / relationship. A person who likes fishing, walking in the mountains, movies, having a drink in country pubs and quiet times on lovely old farm. **Code NS-C3.**

GOLD COAST / TWEED HEADS

BI GUY 60's slim, clean shaven, fit, active, strong libido, ultra straight looking/acting (closet?), seeks Bi guy with all the above attributes for genuine mate & on-going one to one relationship. Phone number & photo nice. **Code NS-D4.**

GOLD COAST / TWEED HEADS.

TRANSSEXUAL 36 years young, looking for bi women up to mid 30's for friendships (possible relationship). I am pre-operative, 165cm tall, long hair, nice boobs, very passable, reasonably attractive, a non-smoker and social drinker. I have a good sense of humour, easy-going, down to earth and I am very kind, caring and emotional. I am not into the gay / trans scene and enjoy the simple things in life such as a coffee and a chat, the movies, going to the beach or on a picnic, visiting friends and above all nice company with people with similar interests to mine and definately non-smoker. If you are a nice friendly person why not write to me and tell me about yourself and send a photo if you wish. **Code QD-D13.**

LISMORE.

GORGEOUS BISEXUAL 36, fit & passionate about life, seeking equally spirited & warm-hearted Bisexual(s) for friendship or more. Interests include: intelligent & inspiring conversation, the media, writing, honesty & meditation, genuine connection with people. Looking forward to your reply by mail. **Code NS-A1.**

LISMORE.

GAY GUY 42, good looking, fair, goatie, masculine, craftsman, lonely on property, 30 minutes from Lismore seeks Bi guys or masculine gays for sensual outlets and good company. Loves nudity, J/O sessions with slim smooth and masculine males. Also seek introduction to Bi with good looking understanding couple. Visitors from SEQ welcome. **Code NS-B5.**

ORANGE (Central West).

BI FEMALE I am a 27 year old bisexual female, married, hubby 49, three young children, have limited experience with females. I am seeking a friend and lover for me and husband. Genuine replies, photo & phone number if possible. All letters answered. **Code NS-F1.**

SYDNEY.

BI WOMAN wanting to meet Bi man for friendship with view to a relationship if suited. I'm 36, attractive, fit, intelligent, independant, strong willed with sense of humour. I love animals, good conversation, functional healthy relationships and eating out. You would be early 40's or under, a non-smoker, sensual, consider yourself attractive, be a good communicator, have your life reasonably together, and be looking for a longer term relationship with an equal. If this sounds appealing please write. A photo would be appreciated. **Code NS-H3.**

SYDNEY.

HEY! Are you a slim, spontaneous, playful, romantic, easy going, passionate Bi female? We're a Bi couple, she 30's, he 40's with similar qualities seeking threesome that is fun, with laughter, chocolate, friendship and possibly much more. Photo /phone appreciated. **Code NS-W2.**

SYDNEY.

BISEXUAL COUPLE M/F GENUINE seeking other Bi couples for regular safe sex evening. We are mid 30's, clean, healthy, discrete, highly sexed and fun loving. All replies will be answered & photos can be posted in exchange for yours. **Code NS-H2.**

SYDNEY.

COUPLE younger woman, older man, seek lovely Bi woman (NS) to be with. Interests are in the arts, children, healthy lifestyle, etc. **Code NS-M5.**

SYDNEY.

BI GUY cute looking, very slim young guy, 182 cm, brown hair, blue eyes, love beach, snow, movies and cafes. I'm gentle, intelligent, looking for Bi woman for friendship or relationship. Prefer under 40 years, like me. Would consider a couple. **Code NS-P4.**

SYDNEY.

BI MALE tall dark some say handsome male would like to meet open-minded women, transsexuals or couples for mutual sensual pleasures the oriental way. Please reply soon with telephone number as visiting Sydney soon. Thanks. Enjoy yourselves, its later than you think. **Code OS-K2.**

SYDNEY.

BI GUY 27, dreamer, genuine, passionate, romantic, looking for man / woman for F/R/Ship 23 - 30. Someone to share adventures of life, laughter, intimate moments and happiness! Photo appreciated, ALA. Pen Pals most welcome. **Code NS-L1.**

SYDNEY.

BI GUY quite attractive, early to mid 20's, seeks same. Looking for friendship, and an opportunity to explore the higher side of the Kinsay Scale (eg. a guy). Must be somebody who enjoys life, is positive-thinking and not afraid to express true feelings and beliefs. **Code NS-S3.**

SYDNEY.

BI MALE 34, married, straight acting, 5ft 7.5ins, medium build, healthy, non-smoker, would like to correspond and later meet similar married male for friendship. If you have bi-feelings and desires and have little or no experience at all like myself and would like to safely explore bisexuality please drop me a line. **Code NS-D5.**

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QUEENSLAND (QLD).

BABINDA / NTH. QUEENSLAND

ON HOLIDAYS IN THE NORTH short term accomodation is available with bi guy in his home for travellers to North Queensland, close to Cairns, the Tablelands and rainforest. **Code QD-M17.**

BRISBANE.

BI LADY married, slim, attractive, 43, seeks similar active Bi or Bi-curious lady for intimacy and adventures. No couples please. **Code QD-K6.**

BRISBANE.

BI FEM 30ish feminine, sexy, discrete, single seeks beautiful brunette with similar qualities. I am easy going, wicked sense of humour, enjoys life in general, quiet and party times. Am smoker. No couples please, miss the intimacy & friendship. Please reply with phone number for quick reply. Interstate visitors okay. **Code QD-T5.**

BRISBANE.

BI-CURIOUS WOMAN 22 yrs, would like to meet a bi woman or lesbian to help me explore female love and intimacy. ALA. **Code QD-T6.**

BRISBANE.

BI WOMAN I'm attractive 33, 9 stone, 5'4". I'm seeking a bi woman, preferably single to join in fun times and excitement within my marriage. Age up to 45 years. **Code QD-B20.**

BRISBANE.

BI WOMAN I'm a conservative attractive 26 yo bisexual woman. I've been on the gay scene for 3 yrs and am wishing to make women friends who are interested in going out to straight nightclubs as all my friends are gay. All letters answered.. **Code QD-D12.**

BRISBANE.

YOUNG COUPLE he 30, dark hair 5'8" into bodybuilding, she 29, long brunette hair, good body into lingerie and X-rated movies, social drinkers, non-smokers, seek similar guy for on-going casual fun times. **Code QD-Z1.**

BRISBANE.

BI LADY, STRAIGHT HUSBAND early 40's, slim & attractive, enjoy outdoors. Wish to meet Bi lady for friendship & outings. Both smokers and social drinkers. First ad. Limits respected. Kids okay. **Code QD-K5.**

BRISBANE / WOODRIDGE.

BI WOMAN & STRAIGHT MALE COUPLE bi woman, 20 and straight husband seek bi woman for friendship and possible relationship. Like the night life and fun times. Phot please. **Code QD-M14.**

BRISBANE.

FEMININE BISEXUAL WOMAN - STRAIGHT MALE COUPLE 29 & 30 resp., open minded, fun loving and attractive. We are non-smokers, social drinkers and enjoy exciting nights out and living life to it's fullest. We would just love to meet a Bi woman 20 to 40 for friendship and great times together. Adventurous couples with no hang-ups are also welcome to apply. We would like to meet genuine, down to earth and discrete people. All letters answered. Please send photo if possible. Write to us as soon as you can! **Code QD-B18.**

BRISBANE.

BI LADY WANTED by Straight Guy 45 for long term relationship. Must be open minded & adventurous with view to meeting other couples and singles. I will be supportive to the right person and will welcome and answer all responses. **Code QD-S13.**

BRISBANE / REDCLIFFE.

BI GUY middle aged, but well preserved, divorced, non-smoker, social drinker, smooth, trannie, very passive, very loving, seeks Bi guy, non-smoker for friendship & relationship if suited. David. Photo & phone number would be nice. ALA. **Code QD-M18.**

BRISBANE / PINE RIVERS.

BI GUY 32, shy, artistic and romantic, spent a long time thinking I was exclusively gay. Seeking a bohemian woman of any age, (single or in a relationship), for friendship. Nothing sleazy. Please write. Anything is possible while Bowie lives. **Code QD-L8.**

BRISBANE.

BI GUY Seeking exotic dark skinned male aged 19 to 30 for friend/relationship. I'm sincere, worldly, well travelled, compassionate, passive, 25, into writing, philosophy, music, art and traditional cultures. Code QD-N3.

BRISBANE.

TONY looking for TONY we met at Red Hill, please write to **PO Box 4085, Fortitude Valley 4006.**

BRISBANE.

BI MALE 44, fit, solid to medium build, some say ruggedly handsome, shiftworker, would like to meet pre-op transsexual, transsexual or crossdresser for friendship and good times, hopefully a relationship will develop with right person. I am single and live alone, photo and phone number would be appreciated. Warren. Code R22.

BRISBANE.

BI GUY 40's, married with physical disability but eager to meet another bisexual guy for first time experience. Please write soon. Code QD-J8.

BRISBANE (INNER NORTH).

BI GUY 48 yrs solid build, would like to meet a man for mutual oral, anal sex. ALA. Code QD-D14.

BRISBANE.

BI GUY 27 average looks seeks guys, girls, transsexuals for safe sex. I'm straight acting. You, any age or nationality. Phone number and photo appreciated. ALA. Code QD-M16.

BRISBANE / SE QLD.

BI GUY 21 yr s old seeking Bi guy up to 25 yo for friendship or relationship. I have blonde hair, blue eyes, tanned skin & smooth medium build. Please send detailed letter with photo & phone number for quick reply. Code QD-D10.

BRISBANE.

BI GUY mid 40's secure seeks r'ship with slim attractive Bi lady to 40 yo. Want to enjoy all the good things of life even more with fun-loving adventurous companion. Photo & phone number would be greatly appreciated. ALA. Code QD-F2.

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BRISBANE.

EURASIAN GUY passive, slim, 5 ft 7 in tall, 58 kg, dress up (crossdress), look attractive and effeminate, would like to meet single man, straight or bi, with average looks, up to 30 yrs old for friendship, relationship. Must be genuine. Don't be shy, write, a simple letter will do. Code QD-G6.

BRISBANE.

BI GUY tall slim, straight acting, late 30's seeks slim smooth Bi guy 20 plus. Must be non-scene and discrete. Photo & phone number appreciated. Code QD-M15.

BRISBANE.

GUY 31 muscular fit seeks young couple, Bi, 25-35 for first Bi experience. Must be understanding, safe sex only. I am honest, genuine, caring, non-smoker, social drinker, 5' 8", 67 kg. ALA Code QD-R19.

BRISBANE BAYSIDE / CLEVELAND.

MARRIED BI MALE 50's would like to meet Bi man, Bi lady or Bi couple any gender mix, Wynnum to Cleveland or near by, a non-smoker and seeks same. Code QD-K7.

BRISBANE / GOLD COAST.

BI GUY 31 years of age, 'warped' sense of humour, 175cm (5'7"), medium build, non-smoker, occasional drinker, seeks male, female, transsexual or couple for friendship first, then maybe more. I am not looking for a spouse, just friend(s) to get together with when it suits us both / all. I am easy-going, eager to please and love oral (both giving and receiving). Photo appreciated. ALA. Code QD-A3.

BRISBANE / SUNSHINE COAST.

BI GUY single tall, slim, av looks, good sense of humour would like to meet other slim/medium build bi guys or girls under 35 for friendship, outings, hot sex if we like & possible ongoing relationship. Love giving oral, write soon. QD-R13.

CABOOLTURE

BI MALE mid 30's would like to meet Bi males or females for friendship or more who are under 34 years of age. I am 5'10" tall, 70kg in weight and have olive skin and shoulder length hair. I am a smoker and social drinker. Please reply with photo if possible. ALA. Pen pals welcome. Code QD-L9.

EUMUNDI, SUNSHINE COAST.

BISEXUAL WOMAN desperately seeking Bi woman for pleasure, fun and possibly romance. I look forward to your reply. Code QD-R21.

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GOLD COAST / TWEED HEADS.

TRANSSEXUAL 36 years young, looking for bi women up to mid 30's for friendships (possible relationship). I am pre-operative, 165cm tall, long hair, nice boobs, very passable, reasonably attractive, a non-smoker and social drinker. I have a good sense of humour, easy-going, down to earth and I am very kind, caring & emotional. I am not into the gay / trannie scene and enjoy the simple things in life such as a coffee & a chat, the movies, going to the beach or on a picnic, visiting friends & above all nice company with people with similar interests to mine and definately non-smoker. If you are a nice friendly person why not write to me and tell me about yourself & send a photo if you wish. Code QD-D13.

GOLD COAST.

BI GUY 35, likes wining and dining girls, sucks dicks like there's no tomorrow, seeks beauty or beast. I'm slim, straight acting, you anything. Code QD-O3.

GOLD COAST / TWEED HEADS

BI GUY 60's slim, clean shaven, fit, active, strong libido, ultra straight looking/acting (closet?), seeks Bi guy with all the above attributes for genuine mate & on-going one to one relationship. Phone number & photo nice. Code NS-D4.

GOLD COAST.

GUY 37 yo slim discrete gay guy with bi tendencies seeks slim women or couple to 45 to introduce me to straight safe sex. Code QD-B19.

LOGAN VILLAGE.

BI WOMAN 54yr old attached lady looks forward to meeting a lady for friendship, mental & physical closeness, sense of humour & plenty of laughs together. Code QD-R15.

NOOSA / SUNSHINE COAST.

BI MALE discrete 38 yo slim build, good looking seeking the companionship of other Bi males. Interests include bushwalking, reading, tennis. I'm straight acting and practice safe sex only. Looking for intelligent hot bodied independent friend / relationship. Code QD-R20.

STRADBROKE ISLAND.

GUY seeks guy/s under 56, slim/med build who are into oral and anal sex & want love, f/ship, kiss, cuddle or just someone to write to. I'm a horny active 56 yo, slim/med build, av looks, 184cm, 93kg, SOH, I'm lonely & need to be wanted. Genuine Ad, write soon, ALA, phone number please, a photo would be nice. Code QD-B16.

SUNSHINE BEACH.

COUPLE Bi woman 40 yrs, straight husband 41 yrs, seeks Bi woman for long term f/ship, r/ship. We're an easy-going, fun loving couple who enjoy the outdoor life and all kinds of social outings. Code QD-H9.

SUNSHINE COAST / BRISBANE.

BI GUY 36 slim build, 54kg, 170 cm tall, average looks, would like to meet guys, girls, couples for fun safe and discrete times, age open. Looking forward to hearing from you. ALA Phone number & photo if possible. Code QD-S18.

**REMEMBER ALWAYS PRACTICE SAFER SEX
NEVER SHARE SEX TOYS, VIBRATORS, ETC.
NEVER SHARE NEEDLES OR SYRINGES**

TOWNSVILLE.

BI GUY 41 yo would like to meet Bi lady for friendship and view to having children. I am slim, fit & healthy, enjoy nude recreation & have a secure career. **Code QD-S15.**

TOWNSVILLE.

BI GUY 30's slim, attractive, healthy & fit seeks well built attractive, masculine Bi guy for fun and games. I'm married so discretion is essential. I'm relatively inexperienced with guys but keen to experiment with the right guy. If you look good in a pair of speedos then contact me. **Code QD-E2.**

VICTORIA (VIC).

CARRUM DOWNS.

BI MARRIED WOMAN 25 built for fun not speed. I am seeking Bi woman 25 to 35 with sense of humour that borders on the wacky side. I am after something that will last. No one nighters please. Walk on the fun side! **Code VI-B5.**

MELBOURNE / S.E. SUBURBS.

BI WOMAN I am married & overweight. I am honest, caring, loving person. I am 5.8 ft tall & need more from life. I'm bored. I am 26 y.o. I would like a female with a great sense of humour & can go with the flow. I am shy until ya get to know me. Prefer a Victorian based woman 34 or younger. ALA Thanks, No one-nighters. **Code VI-H1.**

MELBOURNE.

BISEXUAL COUPLE M/F seeking Bi couple for all combinations of safe sex and fun times. We are mid 30's, early 40's medium builds, good average looks and seek similar couples. Please include phone number. **Code VI-D1.**

MELBOURNE.

BI MALE 60, retired, clean, considerate, no hang-ups, non-smoker/drinker, good sense of humour, nudist, would like long term relationship with couple m/f or m/m of similar age. Interests range from classical music and art to books, talk and passionate sex. Northern suburbs but will travel to right people within Melbourne or even Peninsula. Have wife's approval but she does not wish to participate in sexual activities with others. **Code VI-S2.**

MELBOURNE.

AUSSIE WIDE - GUY European B/ground seeks soul mate Aussie wide, non-scene Bi OK. I'm 30 CBC but live in country 5 min. Beach, Bush. You under 30, surfer guy on dole, relocate ASAP, 100% genuine, ALA. **Code VI-M2.**

AUSTRALIA WIDE.

GUY 29, non-scene, non smoker, non drinker, lives in country Victoria near Melbourne seeks a genuine guy under 30 for companionship, view to relationship, penfriends welcome from anywhere. ALA. **Code VI-K1.**

WESTERN AUSTRALIA (WA).

COUNTRY WA.

BI TRANSSEXUAL seeking a Bi woman for friendship and relationship. I'm 36 yo, long dark hair, 164 cm in height, a bisexual transsexual (pre-op M to F). NOTE: I'm plain and girl next-door-ish. Not into gay scene etc. I live quietly and discretely the simple country life with my chickens and garden (but visit Perth regularly). I'm seeking someone flexible minded who'll accept both my current (and future) anatomy. My interests include environmental issues, reading and science fiction. I'm a non-smoker, non-drinker & not quite vegetarian. *I am a - Bisexual transsexual, Seeking - Bisexual Woman.* **Code WA-J1.**

PERTH.

YOUNG BI COUPLE wanting to meet Bi girls and guys or a couple where one or both are Bi. We are looking for a friendship as well as an on-going relationship. **Code WA-Z1.**

PERTH.

FRIENDLY PENPAL WANTED I am a 27 yo inexperienced Bi female who has no Bi friends to talk/write to and wants someone to share letters, stories or just to have a conversation with. All letters answered - I promise! **Code WA-W6.**

PERTH.

BI GIRL 25 seeks f.ship + r.ship with lady any age. Couples welcome as a guy would be nice also. Photo please. ALA. **Code WA-R5.**

PERTH.

BI GUY own business, 45yrs, married, 5'7", slimish, fit & healthy, reasonable looks, S.O.H. Into boating (own boat), gym, fishing, BBQ, outdoors, footy & cricket, meeting people. Interested in meeting younger Bi guys, Bi girls, married or single, small build, straight acting, under 5'7" for friendship and possible relationship, possible X-dress ALA. **Code WA-B2.**

OVER SEAS (OS).

HOLGUIN, CUBA.

BISEXUAL GUY Cuban, black, 33 years, 1.70 cm, 60 kg, university student, love music, sports, movies, languages. Looking for friends (bisexual) to start a friendship and **Pedro Julio Ochoa Gonzalez, Calle 6 N - 92 entre 21y23, La Quinta, Holguin, 80 900 CUBA.**

MALANG, INDONESIA.

GUY Chinese, 25 yo, 167 cm tall, 50kg, likes touring, correspondence, plays, camping, singing & reading. I would like to get many gay/bi friends in Australia, please write. My name is **Kristanko Linardi, jl. Simpang Borobudur II / 10, Malang 65142, East Java, Indonesia.**

MANILA, THE PHILIPPINES.

BISEXUAL MAN 26 years old, outdoors lover (scuba diver, swimmer and mountaineer) lean and muscular seeks males up to 40 for friendship and possible visits. I like traveling a lot and now I am considering a trip to Australia next year so it would be nice to know people there. Also would like to share thoughts and experiences about bisexuality. Write to **Daniel M. Ocampo** at e-mail: **dmocampo@ustcc.ust.edu.ph** or mailing address: **54 Olive Street, SSS Village, Marikina, 1811 Metro Manila, the PHILIPPINES.**

MUNICH, GERMANY.

GAY GUY 43y, German-Indian, int'l. bureaucrat living near Munich/Germany, iso of v. discreet, v. strl-acting, active Professional Australian or NZ-lander (other GWMs welcome too), for friendship and mutual visits. Possibly more if we both want it. No age bar. Can host and expect the same. Have varied interests, am well read and erudite, w. charming smile and nice looks. Write responses w. photo to: **Rebonto GUHA, Bahnhofplatz 5/#49, 85737 ISMANING, Germany. Tels.: (+4989) 96201227, home / 32006-475, office. E-mail: <rguha@eso.org>**

HONG KONG.

BI MALE tall dark bi male would like to meet women, transsexuals or couples for mutual sensual pleasures the oriental way that brings one to ecstasy. Please write in first instance, thanks. **Code OS-K1.**

SUNYANI, GHANA..

PARTNER WANTED - CUTE GHANAIA LAD, boyish looks, really nice guy, 21 years, attractive with a solid, smooth chocolate body coming soon, wishes to meet university lecturer or partner for platonic relationship. Genuine relationship, no time wasters. **Prince Antwi, PO Box 596, Sunyani - B/A, GHANA - WEST AFRICA.**

SUNYANI, GHANA..

GAY PALS WANTED good looking Ghanaian black guy, 22years old, fit, slim, with wicked body seeks that special man for true and stable relationship. Why don't we meet in '97, this year. All letters answered. **Emmanuel K. Annor, PO Box 250, Sunyani - B/A, GHANA - W/A.**

SUNYANI, GHANA.

YOUNG LOOKING GHANAIAN BOY, who wishes to have an honest friend for ever lasting one, if yes, write to me. Let's give love a chance. It has been my wish for a long time to have contact with Australians.
Frank Barnie, PO Box 337, Sunyani - B/A, GHANA - W/A.

SWINDON, ENGLAND.

ATTRACTIVE BI GUY 30 yo, 6 feet tall with dark hair and living in England, wishes to make new friends and correspond with Bi males/females up to 35 in Australia. Had experience of gay scene in Brisbane, interests include Aussie soaps, travel, radio and sports/beach clothes. **Code OS-W1.**

SYDNEY.

BI MALE tall dark some say handsome male would like to meet open-minded women, transsexuals or couples for mutual sensual pleasures the oriental way. Please reply soon with telephone number as visiting Sydney soon. Thanks. Enjoy yourselves, its later than you think. **Code OS-K2.**

TULSA, OKLAHOMA, USA.

BI GUY 5 ft 8 in, dark hair, brown eyes, 150 pounds, Native American, Cherokee - Peoria tribes, into safe sex, play tennis, go to concerts, lift weights sometimes. Want to exchange photos and make friends that want to make it with me, prefer blondes, will answer all. **Everett Cheshewalla, PO Box 642, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74101 - 0642, USA.**

YEREVAN, ARMENIA..

GUY 30 years, Armenian, Christian, black eyes, black hair, good looking, pleasant, interlectual, kind, gentle, romantic, careful, patient, fond of art, travelling, nature, and everything which is beautiful. I take and respect all kinds of pleasure. Please write to me so we can become friends and more. **Armen Nazarian, Poste Restante, Yerevan 375010, ARMENIA.**

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EVERYONE READ THIS.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRACTICE SAFER SEX WITH ALL PARTNERS. THAT MEANS USING A CLEAN CONDOM WITH EACH PARTNER FOR BOTH VAGINAL AND ANAL INTERCOURSE. THE NUMBER OF WOMEN BECOMING INFECTED WITH HIV IS INCREASING IN AUSTRALIA WITH NOTABLE RISES RECENTLY IN NSW & WA, SO PLEASE TAKE RESPONSIBILITY NOT ONLY FOR YOUR OWN PROTECTION BUT THAT OF YOUR PARTNERS. ORAL SEX DOES POSE A RISK FOR TRANSMISSION OF SEVERAL SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES & HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS THE MEANS OF TRANSMISSION IN A SMALL NUMBER OF CASES OF HIV INFECTION OVERSEAS. HERPES, HEP. B, GONORRHOEA ARE SOME OF THE INFECTIONS THAT ARE TRANSMITTED ORALLY. WORRIED THEN USE CONDOMS AND/OR DAMS OR SEEK FURTHER ADVICE FROM HEALTH OR AIDS COUNCIL STAFF. FOR DIGITAL PENETRATION (FINGERING) OF VAGINA OR ANUS USE CLEAN LATEX GLOVES OR CONDOMS WITH EACH PARTNER AND NEVER SHARE DILDOS, VIBRATORS ETC. TRY TWO OR MORE CONDOMS ON VIBRATORS REMOVING THE TOP ONE BEFORE EACH NEW PENETRATION. USE CLEAN GLOVES FOR FISTING. IF YOU INJECT, NEVER SHARE NEEDLES AND SYRINGES WITH ANY OTHER PERSON. ALWAYS USE A NEW CLEAN NEEDLE AND OTHER GEAR. WE CARE ABOUT YOU. PLEASE DON'T PLACE YOURSELF, LOVED ONES AND OTHERS AT RISK BECAUSE OF IGNORANCE, FEAR, LUST OR BEING OUT OF IT.

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As an initiative of the LGBT Anti-Violence Council and with the support of a grant from the Brisbane City Council, research and affirmative action to establish business houses as safe places, particularly Spring Hill to Fortitude Valley and the connecting corridor, is now being undertaken.

Your participation is invited to assist in reducing the incidents of homophobic violence/harassment and to improve the safety of LGBT community members.

A survey form will shortly be available at different venues for you to complete, enabling you to recount any experiences of homophobic harassment/violence that you may have experienced in Brisbane. (You may also telephone the GLWA phone lines on 3839 3277 or 3839 3288 and the information can be recorded. All information is non-identifying and confidential).

This is an opportunity to contribute in a positive way that will further empower the LGBT communities. Further information can be obtained by telephoning Michael on 017 805 799 or Diane on 017 805 465. ▼

Coming Events

QUEENSLAND.

Friday, 16th May

Brisbane ABN, mixed night out at Wickham Hotel, Wickham Street, Fortitude Valley, meet at new Valley postoffice across the street at 9pm sharp, bring your friends for a night of dance and partying. For more details telephone ABN on 07 - 3857 2500.



Saturday, 17th May

Brisbane - AIDS Candlelight Vigil meet at Leighhardt & Boundary Streets intersection, Spring Hill at 6pm to march to Albert Park amphitheatre for memorial service starting at 7pm. Come join the ABN group for the march or meet up in the park.

Sunday, 18th May

Brisbane ABYA Bisexual Youth Alliance Skate Night at Red Hill Roller Skating Ring meet outside at 730pm, entry for skaters is \$3--\$5, non-skaters free, all ages welcome. For more details call ABN on 07-38572500.

Wednesday, 21st May

Brisbane ABN, monthly social meetings are held on the 3rd Wed each month, from 7.30pm Upstairs at Cafe Babylon, Boundary Street, West End. For more details telephone ABN on 07 - 3857 2500.

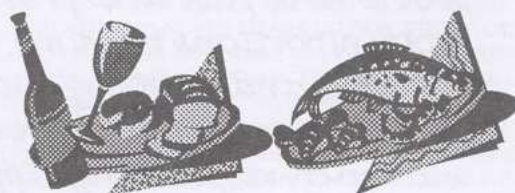


Saturday, 24th May

Brisbane / Logan ABN social games night at Park Ridge from 7.30pm. Call (07) 38572500 for location. BYO board games, cards, drinks & a snack plate to share.

Tuesday, 27th May

Brisbane ABYA Bisexual Youth Alliance pizza & chat, meet at 12 noon in the park opposite The Pizza Hut, Garden City, Kessels Road, Upper Mt. Gravatt. For more info call ABN on (07) 3857 2500 or Ben on 041-878 5296.



Wednesday, 28th May

Brisbane ABN mixed social & chat nite at Gillian's home, Alexandra Hills from 7pm BYO drinks, call ABN on (07) 38572500 for details.

Wednesday, 4th June

Brisbane The Anti-Discrimination Commissioner, Ms Karen Walters invites members of the Bisexual, Lesbian, Gay & Transgender communities to an evening with herself and members of her staff for an evening of open discussion. Metro Arts Centre, Greenpeace Room, 109 Edward Street, City, 5.30pm to 7.30pm. RSVP by 30th May to Stephen Lewis on 32396348 or Robyn Cochran on 32396207 or toll free on 1800-068 305. This event is endorsed by ABN.

Sunday, 8th June

Brisbane Pride Festival commences with the Queens Birthday Arts Ball at the RNA Showgrounds. Bi Ball goers wishing to meet up first call ABN (we plan to meet at the Coffee Club, Brunswick Street Mall at 8pm)

Wednesday, 11th June

Brisbane / Redlands social & chat night at Gillian's home, Alexandra Hills from 7pm. BYO drinks & a plate to share. For details call ABN or Gillian on 019-497 859.

Sunday, 15th June

Gold Coast possible ABN picnic at Miami from 12 noon, check with ABN prior to date, call ABN (07) 3857 2500 or 1800-653 223.

More events on next page

Wednesday, 18th June

Brisbane ABN Pride Forum on the Politics of a Bisexual Identity, speakers & discussion, presented by ABN, 7.30pm, Upstairs, Cafe Babylon, 142 Boundary Street, West End.

Thursday, 19th June

Brisbane ABN Opening of Bar Bi, -- Brisbane's first bar for bisexuals, Bar Bi, Shamrock Hotel, Brunswick Street, open from 6pm, official opening at 8pm. All Bis & friends welcome. Topless barmaid, raffles & prizes.

Sunday, 22nd June

Brisbane ABYA Pride Youth Scavenger Hunt, meet 2pm at the Rotunda, City Botanical Gardens, Alice Street, City for a fun afternoon, all youth and friends welcome. For more details call ABN on 07-38572500 or Jewel on 018-766 973.

Saturday, 28th June

Brisbane Pride 97 Rally, March & Fair Day join ABN and march with us from Roma Street to Musgrave Park or come visit us at the Fair Day in Musgrave Park. Helpers are also needed. For more information and to offer help call (07) 3857 2500.

Sunday, 29th June

Brisbane BiFem Pride Forum on Bi Women's Stories of Discovery, speakers, sharing and discussion, open to all women, 2pm Upstairs, Cafe Babylon, 142 Boundary Street, West End.

Monday, 30th June to Friday, 4th July

Brisbane Queer Collaborations National Conference for GLBT students, varied program of

events including sessions on bisexuality presented by ABN members. Call ABN for details.

Tuesday, 1st July

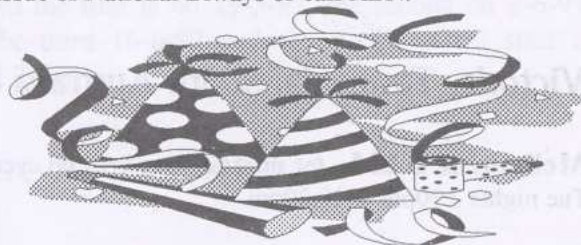
Brisbane ABN Bi Dinner for QC Attendees, venue to be announced. Register your attendance by calling ABN on (07) 3857 2500.

Thursday, 3rd July

Brisbane ABN Bar Bi at the Shamrock Hotel, Brunswick Street, Fortitude Valley, open from 6pm to late. Brisbane's only bisexual bar.

Saturday, 5th July

Brisbane Pride Dance Party more details in next issue of National Biways or call ABN.



Monday, 7th to 11th July

Brisbane NOWSA Conference - national women students' conference, varied program of workshops, presentations, films, cabaret & dance.

For a full calendar of Pride forums, parties, art shows, films and all other events get your copy of **BrotherSister** newspaper, its free from selected bars, cafes & other venues around Brisbane, Ipswich & the Coasts.

New South Wales & the Australian Capital Territory.

Sydney SBN For all Sydney Bisexual Network meetings and social events ring SBN infoline on 0055-25926 (75c/min.).

Sunday 18th May

Sydney SBN Committee Meeting, from 4:00 pm to 5:50 pm. Contact Pieter (02) 9550 6983 or Munro (02) 9564 6368 for location. We are always looking for more help.

Sunday 18th May

Sydney SBN An Evening at the Pub, Bank Hotel, Newtown from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Meet either at the cocktail bar in the back or downstairs in the beer garden. We will be going for dinner somewhere nearby afterwards. Contact Pieter (02) 9550 6983.

Wednesday 21st May

Sydney FUNNY FARM Queer comedy night at Kinsela's, and only \$10!

Friday 23rd May

Sydney SBN Norrie's Birthday (but without Norrie present!!) Meet at the Lansdowne Hotel (cnr City Road and Broadway) at 10 pm. Unfortunately Norrie will be in Melbourne, but she said we should have it anyway, and I've heard it is an interesting place on Friday's - "Spicy Friday"

Sydney SBN monthly meetings are held on 2nd Monday each month, (9 June, 14 July.) 8pm at the NCOSS Centre, cnr Albion and Commonwealth Street, Surry Hills. For details call SBN Info Line on 0055-25926.

Canberra CRBN for info on social events contact Clare on 06-2573257.

Thursday, 5th June

Canberra CRBN Coffee, Cake & Chat 8pm
Antigos Cafe, Civic.

Wednesdays from 8pm

Canberra Women's Night at Meridian Club, Mort Street, Braddon every Wednesday. DJ on the night is CRBN's own Clare so do say hello.

Sydney Bisexual Youth

Our meetings will be held on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of every month at the PRIDE Centre, 26 Hutchinson Street, Surry Hills, NSW, 2010. So the first is on **Monday 19th May**, the second on **Monday 2nd June**, the third **Monday 16th June** and so on. They will start at **7:30pm**. For details contact Glenn Vassallo on 0414-664-888 or Email: sby@queer.org.au

Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia & Western Australia

Melbourne BAM - for information on social events call Bisexual Awareness in Melbourne on (03) 9877 0224 on Tue nights 7.30pm to 10.30pm.

Hobart Bisexual Support Network for info contact Myke on (03) 6224 0723.

Adelaide information on meetings and social events for the **Adelaide Bisexual Support Group** can be obtained by calling Gillian on (08) 8395 0318 or looking up their on-line newsletter (see article in this issue of Biways for URL.)

Saturday 17th May

Adelaide ABSG Coffee Bar Crawl from 12 noon. Due to the great turnout last time we are doing it again. This time though for a change of scenery we are going to Boltz Café on Rundle Street (just down the road a little from Café San Marco). Ask at the bar for Jason's table. For further details contact Jason on (08) 8340 3538.

Saturday 24th May

Adelaide ABSG Sushi Party at Ailsa's from 1pm. Now this one really is a treat. The address for this event is 13 Gartrell Street, MacDonald Park. It should be in your street directory. The cost of this event is only a couple of bucks for ingredients etc. or thereabouts.

June TBA

Adelaide ABSG Seafood Restaurant Extravaganza Planned for June, this event will be one to have your taste buds craving for more. Sharon has kept the details for this under wraps for the time being. It must be pretty special, so stay tuned for next month's issue of Adelaide's Bi The Way online newsletter for the exclusive.

Beach Bike Tour Now I know that summer has left us behind but being in the great outdoors is just as much fun this time of the year. Ailsa is planning this event for June. If you don't have a bike or have one that you may be able to lend someone else, then contact Ailsa on (08) 8284 7422.

Now until June 1st

Adelaide Forbidden Love Bold Passion That title really grabs your attention doesn't it? Well that is the name of an exhibition being held at Edmund Wright House, 59 King William Street, Adelaide. The exhibition is dedicated to lesbian women and runs until June 1st. Opening times are as follows: Tuesday-Friday 10am-4pm (closed 12-30pm-1pm) Saturday-Sunday 12noon-4pm.

Perth Bi Women wishing to meet socially on a regular basis, write to Annie, c/- WABN, PO Box 1167, Canning Vale, WA 6155.

Perth WABN for info call Graham on 09-3542737 or write to WABN, PO Box 1167, Canning Vale, WA 6155.

SYDNEY BI YOUTH

About SBY:

Sydney Bi Youth is a Social/Support Group for bisexual youth and young adults 27 and under. Sydney Bi Youth was formed during a Youth Strand at the 2nd Australian Conference on Bisexuality held in Sydney recently at the Queen Mary Building, Newtown. From the initial 4 that attended this meeting the Group has grown to about 15, and with increasing interest from other young bisexuals we are now establishing regular bi-monthly meetings to be held at the Pride Centre Surry Hills. Sydney Bi Youth is part of the Australian Bisexual Youth Alliance, ABYA is a network linking young bisexual people throughout Australia where they can meet for discussion, support or social activities.


Contact Details: Glenn Vassallo Phone: 0414-664-888 Work: 02-9870-2087
Email: glenv@microsoft.com or sby@queer.org.au

Our Aims:

- * Provide information, support and referrals.
- * Organise social activities.
- * Develop a sense of pride and understanding in being bisexual.
- * Promote HIV/AIDS awareness, safe sex and sexual health education.
- * Build self-esteem and confidence for youth questioning their attractions towards both men and women.
- * Foster the development of a bisexual community.

Our meetings will be held on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of every month at the PRIDE Centre, 26 Hutchinson Street, Surry Hills, NSW, 2010
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- Hosted a PLWHA Luncheon at the Exchange Hotel.
- 122 Police Gay/Lesbian Liaison Officers working throughout NSW.

• For your nearest PGLO call (02) 9281 0000 or contact your local Police Station.
• In an emergency call 000.
• The Police Service Gay/Lesbian Client Consultant is Sue Thompson (02) 9339 5535.

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GAMMA PROJECT WORKSHOPS

As reported in the previous edition of our newsletter we have received a small grant to undertake five workshops on Bisexual Men and Their Female Partners. These workshops which are cost free to participants will be conducted in Ballarat, Castlemaine, Albury/ Wodonga and Melbourne.

The workshops will begin at 9 a.m. and finish at 5 p.m. and we anticipate that a maximum number of fifteen participants would provide an interactive session which would allow those attending to explore the issues of bisexuality in some detail. An outline of the program is presented opposite.

Lunch and refreshments will be provided and each participant will receive a copy of the Gamma Project Facilitator's Kit.

Places will be limited and bookings are essential so if you would like to attend one of these workshops please complete the application form and post or fax it to the centre as soon as possible. Further details of the program will be forwarded on receipt of your application. For further information contact Russell Oke on (03) 9890-1068.

Program Dates and Locations

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| April 11th 1997 | Castlemaine |
| Venue | To be notified |
| May 29th 1997 | Ballarat |
| Venue | Ballarat Community Health Service |
| June 20th. 1997 | Melbourne |
| Venue | The Franklin Centre |
| July 18th. 1997 | Melbourne |
| Venue | The Franklin Centre |
| August 1st. 1997 | Albury / Wodonga |
| Venue | Albury Community Health Service |

BISEXUAL MEN AND THEIR FEMALE PARTNERS

WORKSHOP OUTLINE

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| 9.00 a.m. | WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION |
| 9.30 a.m. | CONSENSUS ACTIVITY |
| 10.00 a.m. | UNDERSTANDING SEXUALITY |
| 10.45 a.m. | MORNING TEA |
| 11.00 a.m. | BISEXUAL MEN - BEHAVIOURS FROM FANTASY TO REALITY |
| 12.30 p.m. | LUNCH |
| 1.30 p.m. | FEMALE PARTNERS OF BISEXUAL MEN |
| 2.15 p.m. | COUNSELLING - ISSUES AND STRATEGIES |
| 3.15 p.m. | AFTERNOON TEA |
| 3.30 p.m. | BISEXUAL MEN AND THEIR FEMALE PARTNERS BETWEEN TWO COMMUNITIES - CASE HISTORIES |
| 4.45 p.m. | WORKSHOP SUMMARY |
| 5.00 p.m. | CLOSE |

Workshop Application Form

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Memory

She touched me.

Her hand on my shoulder,
for a heartbeat.

Our eyes seeing,
each other,
for the first time.

Again, again, again.....

Our first kiss,
hands stroking,
awakening feelings,
never known before.

Trembling, trembling, trembling.

Feelings expanding,
like the infinite Universe.
Living, longing,
dare I say loving.

Again, again, again.....

Her scent, her touch,
lossing her hair the way only she did.
The gesture remaining her's forever.

Memories, memories, memories.

Once, we return,
to the dust
from which we came,
who will remember?

Again, again, again.....

Wolf Schmidt.

On Bisexual Men: A response to "Judy" BISEXU-L Discussion List Dec 3rd 1996 printed in Biways Nov/Dec 1996

by Maree Porter

According to "Judy",
"...not only are bi men more fun than
straight men, they're less uptight about
their male status, not as "piggish" (as in
"male chauvinist pig") as straight men".

Judy, I think you need to get out a bit
more. Just because bi men cop it up
their arse, doesn't mean the sun will
automatically shine out of it.

I've known some complete dickheads
of all genders and sexualities. I've
known some males who are perfect
personified, men who make my toes
curl just thinking about the time I
spent with them. And I've encountered
men who are total idiots, the trick is
to be assertive and not suffer the
fools.

If all women are taught how to be
empowered, assertive and sexually
carnivorous, "male chauvinist pigs"
(of all sexualities) may become an
extinct species. As no woman
would be prepared to feed their
hungry egos, and they'd suffer a
slow demise wallowing in their own
shit!

Believe it or Not

Locally, DCM (33 Oxford Street)
means "Don't Come Monday," since the
club's closed then. This bisexual heaven
has an inspiring lighting and sound sys-
tem and draws regulars who are virtual
eye-candy.

From *The Guide* Feb. 1997
Gay Travel, Entertainment, Politics & Sex

She's my wife He's just sex

sue joseph

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When retired NSW Supreme Court Judge David Yeldham gassed himself in the family car rather than confront the Police Royal Commission — and his family — his secret life of sexual liaisons with other men made major headlines. Sensational, major headlines. But the only factor making him different from thousands of other men, was his position.

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“David Yeldham’s suicide put these issues on the public agenda. This book, I believe, explores the issues further, opening them up to a fuller, long overdue discussion.”

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